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JOHN B. PACKER. The Packers trace their descent from Philip Packer, a native of England, who came to America and located in New Jersey, near Princeton. He married Rebecca Jones, a native of Philadelphia.

Philip Packer (2), son of Philip and Rebecca (Jones) Packer, lived for a time in the forks of Cooper's creek, opposite Kensington, Philadelphia, later removing to the vicinity of Yellow Springs in Chester county, Pa. He married Ann Coates, a native of Ireland.

James Packer, eldest son of Philip (2) and Ann Packer, was born near Princeton, N. J., on the 4th of the 2d month, 1725, and died Jan. 10, 1805, in Howard township, Center Co., Pa., whither he had moved about 1794. On Jan. 1, 1752, at East Caln meetinghouse, in Chester county, Pa., he married Rose Mendenhall, who survived him, dying at Bald Eagle, Clinton Co., Pa., in June, 1824, at the advanced age of ninety-one.

Amos Packer, fifth in the family of James and Rose (Mendenhall) Packer, was born Jan. 30, 1759, in Chester county, Pa., and married Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Joseph and Lydia Jones.

Samuel J. Packer, seventh child of Amos and Elizabeth (Jones) Packer, was born March 23, 1799, in Howard township, Center Co., Pa. He received a good education for the day, attending a local school of the Society of Friends, under the superintendence of his father, and while still a boy commenced to learn the trade of printer, serving his apprenticeship at Bellefonte, Pa. He was subsequently engaged in journalistic work at Harrisburg, this State, and while there reported the proceedings of the Legislature. There he formed the acquaintance of Hon. Simon Cameron, and the friendship then begun between these two strong characters lasted through life. Mr. Packer came to Sunbury in 1820 and established the paper called the *Publick Inquirer*, issued at that time principally to advocate the reelection of Governor Findlay. It was continued for several years.

During his career in the publishing business Mr. Packer took up the study of law, under the tutorage of the famous Hugh Bellas, and by devoting all his spare time to gaining the necessary preparation for the legal profession obtained admission to the bar of Northumberland county in 1823, being formally entered Aug. 23d of that year. From that time until his death he devoted himself to legal practice and to the duties of the various official positions to which he was chosen, and though he died at the comparatively early age of thirty-five years, on Oct. 20, 1834, he left a permanent impression upon the legal and public history of his county and State. He lived at Sunbury. By earnest and faithful attention to the law work intrusted to him, he soon earned a leading and unassailable position among the noteworthy legal practitioners of his time and locality, and he maintained that position by the most thorough and painstaking care of every trust reposed in him. He was popular as a public speaker, particularly at political gatherings, and possessed in a large measure the faculty of winning his audience to his views—a gift which made him a potent factor in the activities of the Whig organization, with which he allied himself. On Jan. 27, 1824, Mr. Packer was commissioned prothonotary, holding that office until 1829. From April 20th to November, 1829, he was deputy attorney general. In 1836 he was elected to the State Senate, for a term of four years, and while a member of that body was appointed chairman of a special committee on the Coal Field of Pennsylvania. The report he presented, the first made on the subject, was remarkable for completeness of detail and exhaustive treatment of all its phases, and was largely responsible for the rapid development of the mining industry of the State. In fact, his great activity throughout the period of his legislative service was directed to the encouragement of enterprises for the development of the material resources of Pennsylvania, the Danville & Pottsville railroad being

the most important project of this kind in his district which received his aid and support. Its construction from Sunbury to the Shamokin coal field was the direct result of a measure introduced by him into the Senate and passed through the exercise of his influence. In 1834 Mr. Packer was the Whig candidate for Congress from the district in which Northumberland county was included. As previously stated, he died Oct. 20th of that year, having achieved much in his short but active career. He married Rachel Black, daughter of James and Catherine (Cochran) Black, and they were the parents of five children, viz.: John B., Eliza J., Jane B., Samuel J., Jr., and Mary C. (who married Rev. F. B. Riddle).

John B. Packer, son of Samuel J. Packer, was born March 21, 1824, at Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., and received an excellent education, principally at Sunbury Academy, then recently established and under the charge of two classical scholars, men of thorough culture and great ability as teachers. From 1839 to 1842 he was a member of a corps of engineers employed by the State in the survey and construction of public improvements. In 1842 he commenced the study of law under the celebrated Ebenezer Greenough, and was admitted to the Northumberland county bar Aug. 6, 1844. The year following he was appointed deputy attorney general, in which capacity he served three years. Though he attained more than local fame for his ability as a lawyer he was very prominent outside of his profession as well as in legal circles. He was prominent in the organization of and as counsel for many railroad companies launched in his day. In 1851 he assisted in the organization of the Susquehanna Railroad Company, since merged into the Northern Central, and served many years as counsel and one of its directors. It was originally chartered to connect York, Cumberland and Sunbury, and was eventually made a part of the Pennsylvania system. Mr. Packer acted as counsel for the Philadelphia & Erie, the Pennsylvania, the Lackawanna & Bloomsburg and several other railway companies, and was concerned in the sale and reorganization of the railroad properties of the Shamokin Valley & Pottsville railroad; in fact, there were scarcely any cases of the kind of importance in this county—in the litigation resulting from contested land titles and in railroad and other cases—with which he was not professionally connected.

In 1855 Mr. Packer became identified with the Northumberland Bank, of which he was elected president in 1857, serving as such until 1864. That year it was merged into the First National Bank of Sunbury, and Mr. Packer was elected president, continuing to serve in that capacity the remainder of his life. He was also connected as stockholder, director and adviser with the banks of Selinsgrove and Lewisburg, Pa. He was one

of the largest land owners in the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Packer's public services formed an important part of his well rounded career. He was a tariff Democrat prior to the formation of the Republican party, and represented his county as such in the State Legislature in 1849-50, serving on important committees both sessions. In 1868 he was elected to Congress, representing the Fourteenth district, and was reelected four times in succession, declining a fifth nomination after receiving it. He was a member of Congress from 1869 to 1877, during which time he did important committee work, the first term as a member of the committee on Banking and Currency, the second on Railroads and Canals (of which he was chairman), the third term on Post Offices and Post Roads (of which he was chairman) and the fourth term on Foreign Affairs. In his public life as in legal practice Mr. Packer always commanded attention as a speaker, his style being lucid and logical, his arguments strong, his eloquence notable on occasion. He died July 7, 1891, honored by all who had had the privilege of his acquaintance, and mourned as a public benefactor whose place was not easy to fill.

On May 22, 1851, Mr. Packer married Mary M. Cameron, who was born July 2, 1831, daughter of William Cameron, of Lewisburg, Pa., and five children were born to their union: William Cameron, Rachel (wife of Ferdinand K. Hill), James Cameron, Mary and Nellie C. The mother survived until Dec. 6, 1905. She was the founder of the Mary M. Packer hospital of Sunbury, named in her honor, an institution that has proved a great blessing to the community, filling a long-felt want. She contributed liberally toward its establishment.

WILLIAM CAMERON PACKER, of Sunbury, is one of the younger element prominent in business circles in that borough, where as secretary and treasurer of the Sunderland Lumber Company and secretary and treasurer of the Sunbury Burial Case Company he is identified with two of the most important concerns, in their respective lines, in this section of the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Packer has already demonstrated his right to be counted in the same class of citizens as his forefathers for several generations have been. He has all the intelligence, foresight and executive qualities for which his ancestors were famous, and he is doing honor to a name which has long been considered representative of the progress of this region, which in its development owes much to the enterprise of the Packers and their business associates. Public education, public improvements, philanthropic projects and all the movements which characterize the expansion of the community's interests have always received

their encouragement and support. He is a son of the late William Cameron Packer and grandson of John B. Packer.

William Cameron Packer, son of John B. Packer, was born in Sunbury May 1, 1852, and was identified with that borough throughout his life. He received his early education in the local public schools, later attending the Wilkes-Barre Academy and the Bloomsburg State normal school, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1871. He then entered upon the study of law under his father's tuition, was admitted to the county bar Nov. 5, 1872, and settled in Sunbury for practice. Mr. Packer was a thorough student and exponent of the law, for which he had a natural predilection, and though a young man at the time of his death had long been conceded to be one of the ablest legal practitioners in this section. His practice was large and responsible. Several years after his admission to the bar he was appointed solicitor for the Pennsylvania Railway Company in Northumberland county, and he retained that association until his death. He was connected with a number of important local business enterprises, being a director of the First National Bank of Sunbury, laid out the Cameron addition to Shamokin, this county, and took an important part in the public administration of Sunbury. In 1875 he became a member of the borough council, in which he continued to serve for several years, being assistant burgess in 1876-78, second burgess in 1879-80, and chief burgess from 1881 to 1883. During this period, as a result of his efforts, the river embankment was constructed, protecting the town from damage by flood, and the borough debt was materially reduced and refunded at a lower rate of interest, thus saving the taxpayers considerable. Mr. Packer was a Republican in politics. He died June 4, 1886, at the early age of thirty-four. The following was written by one who knew him well: "Running through his life was a vein of generosity that formed one of his prominent characteristics. The poor, into whose home his bounteous hand carried comfort and assistance, are among those who will miss him most in the days to come. His friends are numbered by thousands, including all classes of society. To know him was to love him, and few there are who have had that pleasure who do not recall some kindly deed performed or some cheering word uttered in the hour of adversity. To the sick and afflicted he is endeared by ties which even death can not sever, for his goodness supplied many delicacies and attentions otherwise beyond their reach. In all relations of life he was the same—honorable, upright, manly and charitable."

In 1875 Mr. Packer married Jennie H. Houtz, who was born Dec. 9, 1852, daughter of Dr. Henry C. and Harriet (Boob) Houtz, of Alexandria, Pa. She died April 1, 1882, the mother of the follow-

ing children: Mary C., who is married to Harry C. Blue, of Northumberland, Pa.; John B., born June 14, 1879, who was educated at Bucknell University and Yale Law School and is now in the lumber business in Philadelphia (he married Oct. 8, 1910, Mary C. Yorks, of Danville, Pa.); and W. Cameron. In 1884 Mr. Packer married (second) Laura A. Houtz, sister of his first wife. She survives him, as do all his children.

William Cameron Packer was born May 20, 1881, in Sunbury, youngest child of William Cameron and Jennie H. (Houtz) Packer. He received his early education in the local schools, graduating from Media Academy in 1898 and then entering Bucknell College, where he studied two terms. He next became a clerk in the First National Bank of Sunbury, where he was employed for six years. In 1907 he was one of the organizers of the Sunderland Lumber Company, of which John L. Miller was chosen president, P. R. Sunderland, vice president, and Mr. Packer, secretary and treasurer. The offices and yards of this company are at Sunbury. It is engaged in the manufacture and wholesaling of lumber, lath, flooring, siding, etc., handling one of the largest businesses of the kind in this portion of the State, and enjoys a trade which is expanding steadily. All the members of the concern are live business men, able to make the most of the opportunities afforded in this section, and the company has every prospect of a successful future. Mr. Packer is also secretary and treasurer of the Sunbury Burial Case Company, which has succeeded to the business established by the late Ira T. Clement. His achievements thus far entitle him to rank among the leading young business men of the borough. He is a director of the First National Bank.

Socially Mr. Packer has been quite active as a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; of Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; of Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.; and of the Temple and Americus Clubs. He was president of the Temple Club in 1910-11. He takes an active interest in the welfare of No. 1 Fire Company, of which he is a member, his uncle being one of its most enthusiastic supporters. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

On March 19, 1905, Mr. Packer was married to Esther Lucretia Seal, of Millersburg, Pa., and they had one daughter, Mary Cameron. Mrs. Packer died Feb. 24, 1906.

REV. JOSEPH PRIESTLEY, whose residence at Northumberland has probably given to the place a wider celebrity than any other circumstance in connection with its history, was born at Fieldhead, near Leeds, Yorkshire, England, March 13, 1733. His early education was obtained under the tuition of Reverends Hague and Kirby, and at the age of sixteen he had acquired

a fair knowledge of Latin, Greek and Hebrew. In September, 1752, he went to the academy of Daventry, where he spent three years, entering the ministry as assistant to the Rev. Mr. Meadows, of Needham Market, Suffolk, at the conclusion of his academic course. There he remained three years; during this period his first published work, "The Doctrine of the Atonement," was issued. The following three years, 1758-61, were spent at Nantwick, where he wrote an English grammar and "Observations on the Character and Reasoning of the Apostle Paul." From 1761 to 1767 he taught elocution, logic, Hebrew and the civil law in an academy at Warrington. During this connection he met Benjamin Franklin at London, and, as the result of this association, began a series of experiments in electricity. He also gave much attention to the subject of political economy.

In September, 1767, he removed to Leeds, having accepted an invitation to take charge of Mill-hall chapel. Here the first of his controversial treatises was written; he also published an "Essay on Government," "A Familiar Introduction to the Study of Electricity," a "Chart of History," etc. His house at Leeds adjoined a brewery, and observations of fixed air produced in the process of fermentation led to a series of experiments upon the nature of the atmosphere, ultimately resulting in that discovery with which his name will always be associated. He began these experiments with but limited knowledge of chemistry, but this apparent disadvantage undoubtedly contributed largely to his success, as he was thus thrown entirely upon his own resources and led to devise new apparatus and modes of operation. His first publication on the subject of air appeared in 1772; it was a small pamphlet on the method of impregnating water with fixed air. In the previous year he had already procured good air from saltpetre; he had ascertained the use of agitation and of vegetation, as the means employed by nature in purifying the atmosphere for the support of animal life, and that air vitiated by animal respiration was a pabulum to vegetable life; he had procured factitious air in a much greater variety of ways than had been known before, and he had been in the habit of substituting quicksilver in lieu of water in many of his experiments. Of these discoveries he gave an account in his paper before the Royal Society in 1772, which deservedly obtained the honor of the Copley medal. In this paper he announced the discovery of nitrous air: he showed the use of a burning lens in pneumatic experiments; he related the discovery and properties of marine acid air; he added much to the little theretofore known of air generated by animal putrefaction and vegetable fermentation, and determined many facts relating to the diminution and deterioration of air by the combustion of char-

coal and the calcination of metals. It was not until June or July, 1774, that he made the full discovery of dephlogisticated air (oxygen air; the term was introduced to scientific nomenclature by Priestley), which he procured from precipitate *per se*, and from red lead. He announced this discovery publicly at the table of M. Lavoisier at Paris in October, 1774, and about the same time repeated his experiments before the scientific chemists of Paris.

In a sketch of this nature it is impossible to pursue his subsequent investigations; enough has been said to show that in the brief space of two years he announced to the world more facts of real importance and wide application in pneumatic chemistry than all his predecessors had previously made known. His attention was called to the subject purely by the accident of his proximity to a brew-house at Leeds, where he had ample opportunity to observe and determine the properties of fixed air; one experiment led to another, ultimately resulting in the discoveries upon which his philosophical reputation is principally founded.

After a residence of six years at Leeds, he entered the service of the Earl of Shelburne, with whom he traveled in Europe. In 1780 he became pastor of a dissenting congregation at Birmingham, where, in 1789, he became involved in a controversy regarding the "test act"; his expressed approval of the French Revolution provoked a violent attack from Burke in Parliament, and, to such an extent had his political views aroused the hostility of the Birmingham populace, that, on the 14th of July, 1791, his residence was burned by a mob. This called forth a number of addresses, among which were several invitations to become a member of the French Convention. During the next three years he resided at London and Hackney, but, finding the hostility of his enemies unabated, he decided to leave England, and embarked for America April 7, 1794. The considerations that induced his location at Northumberland are thus stated in his "Memoirs":

"At the time of my leaving England, my son, in conjunction with Mr. Cooper and other English emigrants, had a scheme for a large settlement for the friends of liberty in general near the head of the Susquehanna in Pennsylvania. And taking it for granted that it would be carried into effect, after landing at New York I went to Philadelphia, and thence to Northumberland, a town the nearest to the proposed settlement, thinking to reside there until some progress had been made in it. The settlement was given up; but being here, and my wife and myself liking the place, I have determined to take up my residence here, though subject to many disadvantages. Philadelphia was excessively expensive, and this comparatively a cheap place; and my sons, settling in the

neighborhood, will be less exposed to temptation and more likely to form habits of sobriety and industry. They will also be settled at much less expense than in or near a large town. We hope, after some time, to be joined by a few of our friends from England, that a readier communication may be opened with Philadelphia, and that the place will improve and become more eligible in other respects."

In the spring of 1795 he began the construction of a large house, suitable to his requirements and pursuits, on the estate which he purchased to the east of the borough. It was completed in 1797, and still stands in a good state of preservation on North Way, owned by Robert Scott, Esq. He laid out a beautiful lawn, sloping to the canal, and set out many shade trees, but the effect has been altered by the construction of the railroad and canal. Here he had a large library and laboratory, and on the roof an observatory, which disappeared some time ago, and he resumed his experiments and studies. He was offered the professorship of chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania, but declined, although he delivered two courses of lectures in Philadelphia. He corresponded with Presidents Jefferson and Adams, and, although a voluminous writer on political economy, never participated actively in the civil affairs of this country, of which he never became a naturalized citizen. In religious belief he was a Unitarian, and established at Northumberland the oldest church of that denomination in central Pennsylvania; he was also active in promoting the educational interests of the community and was one of the founders of the old Northumberland Academy, the first school of advanced grade in this part of the State. He became the owner of many thousands of acres in what is now Sullivan county, which he sold to his fellow countrymen very cheap in order to induce them to locate there. The last years of his life were free from the controversy and care that entered so largely into his experience, and thus he died, in peace and quietness, on Feb. 6, 1804. His remains were interred in the little Friends' burial ground at Northumberland. The "Memoirs of Dr. Joseph Priestley, to the year 1795, written by himself; with a continuation, to the time of his decease, by his son, Joseph Priestley," were printed by John Binns at Northumberland in 1805.

The centennial anniversary of the discovery of oxygen was celebrated at Northumberland in the summer of 1874, by a meeting of about fifty of the most prominent scientists of the United States and Canada. David Taggart delivered the address of welcome, and Professor Chandler, of Columbia College, New York, presided. Appropriate memorial exercises and scientific addresses were the features of the program. Cablegrams were interchanged with the Priestley Memorial Commit-

tee of Birmingham. This convention and the demonstrations of a similar nature in England attracted wide attention.

The following is taken from a Sunbury newspaper of April 10, 1910: "The old Unitarian Church in Northumberland famed for its connection with the Priestley family will remain a memorial chapel and library in the future.

"The steps taken by the American Unitarian Association, of Boston, toward keeping green the memory of Dr. Joseph Priestley, one of the foremost scientists of his day and one of the founders of Northumberland, are now being displayed in the renovation of the old Unitarian edifice in Northumberland, where the Priestley family long worshipped.

"The church was rapidly falling into decay, and had not been used for a long time. The trustees, who held possession, secured an order of court to transfer the property to the association, whose main purpose is the preservation of such spots of historic interest.

"It is the intention to make a memorial chapel and library out of the church. A cellar is being dug, a furnace will be installed, the building will be wired for electric lighting, and other improvements will be completed."

Joseph Priestley, a son of Rev. Joseph Priestley, was born in England in 1768, and after his marriage came to this country with his father. He, too, became interested in land speculations in Sullivan county, and the vast wilds which he and his father possessed have long since been converted into beautiful homes and farm land. His first union was formed in England, April 15, 1792, with Elizabeth Ryland, and they were the parents of five children, namely: Joseph Raynor; Elizabeth Raynor, born Aug. 28, 1798, who was the wife of Joseph Parker; Lindsay, born July 21, 1801; Marian, born July 26, 1803, who married Rev. William Bower; and Sarah, born April 28, 1807, who married Robert Wainwright. After the death of his wife Mr. Priestley returned to England, where he formed a second matrimonial alliance with Lucinda Barton and, as she was opposed to coming to America to live, he spent the remainder of his life there, dying September 3, 1833.

Joseph Raynor Priestley, son of Joseph, was born in England March 23, 1793, and upon reaching maturity succeeded to his father's property. Although a man of means he was largely engaged in farming throughout his life. On April 22, 1817, he was united in marriage to Frances Dundas, and they had eight children: Jane B., born Jan. 15, 1818; Joseph; Elizabeth, born Aug. 3, 1821; Marks John, born Jan. 17, 1823; Lindsay, born Feb. 9, 1827; Marianne, born Sept. 22, 1831; Jane D., born May 4, 1833; and Sarah A., born May 10, 1836. Mr. Priestley died Nov. 10, 1863, and his wife survived him until Dec. 18, 1878. He

was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Northumberland and for many years served as its cashier.

Dr. Joseph Priestley was born in Point township, Northumberland Co., Pa., Sept. 22, 1819, and attended the private school taught by the Rev. David Kirkpatrick of Milton. He then read medicine with Dr. James Dougal of Milton, and was graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in March, 1844. He took up the practice of his profession at Northumberland and rose rapidly to a place in the foremost ranks of the physicians of that section. During the forty years of his practice he had a very large patronage and was at all times held in the highest esteem. He was an extensive owner of real estate, possessing several farms. He purchased the grand old brick building known at the time as the "Burr Hotel" and remodeled it into a fine home and office, in which his daughters now live. This property is at the corner of Market and Front streets, and faces Market Square park. He practiced at Northumberland until his demise, March 10, 1883. He was a member of the national, State and county medical associations, and served as president of the county association. He was an unswerving supporter of the Republican party from the time of its organization.

On March 4, 1847, Dr. Priestley was joined in marriage with Hannah H. Taggart, who was born Sept. 10, 1825, and died Sept. 28, 1894. This union was blessed by the following children: Hannah T., who married Hasket Derby Catlin, of Gouverneur, N. Y., by whom she had two children, Joseph and Lucy H., deceased; Joseph Raynor, who died in childhood; Frances D., wife of William Forsyth, of St. Paul, Minn.; and Annie S. and Jean B., who settled at the old homestead in Northumberland.

ROBERT HARRIS AWL, M. D., was for many years a leading medical practitioner of Sunbury, and his influence in the profession was far-reaching. But his usefulness went beyond its limits, though they are wide, for he was called upon to fill several public positions, and displayed such remarkable judgment in municipal affairs that he was consulted in various important movements. He lived to be over eighty-five and was active until a short time before his death.

Dr. Awl was born Dec. 27, 1819, on his father's farm along the old Reading turnpike, in Augusta township, about a mile east of Sunbury, Northumberland county, now owned by W. L. Dewart. He came of notable stock, his paternal grandfather having been of the Scotch-Irish race whose virtues have had so strong an influence on the development of Pennsylvania; his maternal grandfather, William Maclay, one of the most important figures in public life in the State in his

day, and one of the first two representatives of Pennsylvania in the United States Senate; while his great-grandfather, John Harris (father of Mrs. William Maclay), was the founder of the city of Harrisburg.

Dr. Awl's grandfather, Jacob, who came from the North of Ireland, spelled the name Aul, and it was originally spelled Auld in Ireland. He was born in the North of Ireland Aug. 6, 1727, and settled in Paxton township, Dauphin Co., Pa., before the Revolution, before and during which struggle he took an efficient part in Colonial military affairs. He was ensign and lieutenant in Colonel Elder's battalion of rangers in the frontier wars, from 1756 to 1764, taking part in Colonel Bouquet's victory over the Indians at Bushy Run, which prepared the way for the capture of Fort Pitt by the British and Colonial forces. When the Revolution came on he was active in the organization of the associated battalions of Lancaster county, which did much efficient service in that struggle. He was a contemporary of John Harris, mentioned above, and was one of the five commissioners who laid out Harrisburg in 1785, and Mr. Harris appointed him one of the trustees of the land reserved for public uses. Upon the formation of Dauphin county he was one of the commissioners by whom its boundaries were located. Mr. Aul was a tanner by occupation. In 1759 he married Sarah Sturgeon, daughter of Jeremiah Sturgeon, and to them were born twelve children. Mr. Aul died Sept. 26, 1793, in Paxton township, Dauphin county.

Samuel Awl, fourth son and seventh child of Jacob, was born March 5, 1773, at Paxton, Dauphin county, and was married April 27, 1795, at Harrisburg, to Mary Maclay, who was born March 19, 1776, at Harris' Ferry, second daughter of Senator William Maclay. In early manhood he was engaged in mercantile pursuits at Harrisburg, and in 1800 removed from Dauphin to Northumberland county, where Mr. Awl was to take charge of the extensive landed property of his brother-in-law, which included numerous tracts, located near Sunbury and in other parts of the county. They settled on the farm along the Reading turnpike, near Sunbury, already mentioned as Dr. Awl's birthplace, and Mr. Awl was engaged in farming there for many years. But he did not devote all his attention to agriculture, for he took part in public affairs, officiating in several important positions. In 1805 he was elected county commissioner, serving until 1808; he also served as county auditor, 1834-37; as justice of the peace of old Augusta township, and in other offices. He was one of the first Masons in the county, was a prominent officer of Lodge No. 22, at Sunbury, and was one of the few who remained steadfast to the fraternity when it was the object of public obloquy during the Antimasonic move-

ment. He died on his farm Jan. 1, 1842. His wife died in Augusta township, Aug. 13, 1833. Samuel and Mary (Maclay) Awl had ten children, the first, William Maclay, born before they came to Northumberland county. The others were born upon the farm in Augusta township namely: Mary Harris, born in 1802, married William C. Gearhart, of Rush township, and their surviving children are Maclay Gearhart and Mrs. Mary Ann Lenker (the latter is the widow of John B. Lenker and mother of the Lenker brothers of Sunbury); Charles Maclay died in childhood; Eleanor Maclay married Ezra Grossman, printer and publisher of New York City (their only child, John Ira, died of wounds received at the first battle of Bull Run); Charles Samuel went out to Illinois in early life, engaged in farming, and became a prominent resident of the section in which he settled, serving as a justice of the peace and taking considerable part in public affairs; George Washington died when nineteen years old; Sarah Irwin married Hon. George C. Welker, of Sunbury; Hester Hall married William Brindle, nephew of Governor Ritner; Elizabeth Jane married Daniel Rohrbach, whom she survived (she was living in Selinsgrove in 1903 at the age of eighty-six); Robert Harris was the youngest of the family. The oldest and youngest became physicians.

Dr. William M. Awl, the first-born in the family of Samuel Awl, studied under Dr. Agnew at Harrisburg, attended one course of lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated from Jefferson Medical College. He settled in Ohio, where he gained eminent standing in his profession, especially in connection with medical and benevolent institutions, he having been prime mover in the establishment of the Ohio Lunatic Asylum and the founder of the Ohio Institute for the Blind; he served as superintendent of the asylum from the time it was opened until he retired on account of age, and for many years was president of the Association of Medical Superintendents of American Institutions for the Insane. In fact, he was a national leader in his special line, being the first person in the United States to propose the training of the mentally deficient, at a convention held in Philadelphia in 1844. He was a skillful surgeon, and in 1827, when yet a very young man, he performed an operation then rarely attempted in America, taking up and tying the carotid artery. He died in 1876, at the age of seventy-seven.

Robert Harris Awl began going to school when about ten years old, at a schoolhouse located along the turnpike about a mile from his home, a small one-story log building on the Christian Shissler farm originally built for butchering, soap and apple butter boiling, and similar purposes. It had one door and two windows, and a large open fireplace, none too large, as school was held only in

the winter sessions and the cracks in the sides made the ventilation too thorough for solid comfort. The furnishings and equipment were as primitive as the building itself. The younger pupils occupied rough board seats without backs, placed in the center of the room, the older pupils sitting with their backs to the teacher at a long desk-like arrangement along one side. A bundle of whips within easy reach of the teacher was then as much a part of the school equipment as books themselves. Books, indeed, were expensive and therefore scarce. The beginners often studied their alphabet from letters pasted on wooden paddles. The teacher set the writing copies and mended the quill pens. When the number of pupils increased this school was provided with more commodious quarters, in the stillhouse of Adam Shissler, which stood along the creek road leading to Snyderstown, on the farm recently owned by Lloyd T. Rohrbach. Dr. Awl's first teacher, Aaron Robbins, of Sunbury, was a good arithmetician and an expert penman. A regular schoolhouse was eventually erected in the neighborhood, along the turnpike (on Mr. Gideon Leisenring's land), the residents of the vicinity sharing the expense, as there were no public school funds at the time, and young Awl attended there for some time, later going to a school in Sunbury, and to LeBrun's Academy. The idea of free schooling was highly unpopular in the locality in those days, being, in fact, but little understood. When the question of free schools was first submitted to a vote of the people in the neighborhood Samuel Awl, the Doctor's father, was one of the few—eight—who voted in its favor. Dr. Awl was very active as a youth, noted for his lively disposition and physical agility. His more ambitious efforts in the latter line were summarily stopped by his father when a neighbor boy, trying to imitate him, fell off a horse he was attempting to ride bareback, in a standing position, and broke his leg. But his mind was alert, too. When quite young he became interested in phrenology, and in the modest little schoolhouse on the Leisenring place, before mentioned, where the spelling bees and debating exercises were held, even attempted a lecture on that subject. When about nineteen he chose the medical profession for his life work and entered the office of Dr. John W. Peal, of Sunbury, who had quite a large class of students at the time. Later he became a student at the Medical College of Philadelphia, of which the celebrated Dr. George McClellan (father of Gen. George B. McClellan) was then president, and in connection with his work there had a year's study at the Pennsylvania Hospital. He graduated in the spring of 1842, in the class with Dr. McClellan's son (a brother of the General) and Dr. Landis Price, of Sunbury, and soon commenced practice at Gratztown, in Dauphin county, where

he remained for about two years, during which he made a fair start. Removing then to Halifax, same county, a more promising location, he gradually acquired a practice which entitled him to the first rank in the neighborhood in his profession, his practice extending for many miles over the adjoining territory. Meantime he also became identified with the public affairs of the locality, serving in 1843 as surgeon of the 16th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and receiving the nomination for the State Legislature in 1845; he was defeated by about two hundred votes. Politics always interested him and he assisted in establishing the *Halifax Herald*, a Democratic paper. After the death of his wife he sold his practice and property to Dr. Brown, from Philadelphia, and moved West, settling at Columbus, Ohio. He engaged in general practice until he had established a residence in that State, which was necessary for his admission as assistant to his brother, then superintendent and head physician, at the Ohio Lunatic Asylum. After three years at that institution as second assistant he resigned, his health having become impaired by the close application to work and the trying nature of his duties. This was at the height of the gold fever excitement, and he intended to go to California, starting via the overland route. But he was taken sick, and turned back, returning to Pennsylvania in 1849. Settling in Sunbury, near his birthplace, he resumed practice, entering upon a career of professional and civic usefulness destined to make his memory cherished in this vicinity for years to come. The extensive acquaintance of his earlier life, his old friendships, the reputation he had gained in his Dauphin county home, his experience in the West, all combined to attract patrons, whose confidence and good will were held by his faithful and skillful treatment, his manly character and kindly, sympathetic disposition. It would have been difficult for any of his friends or patients to decide which held them most, the admiration for his conscientiousness and proficiency as a physician or the genial good nature which made him so welcome everywhere. Eight young men pursued their medical studies under his instruction. He had various professional associations primarily a recognition of his eminent worth and skill. For fourteen years—between 1855 and 1888 inclusive—he acted as physician at the county prison, in the old and new jails, by appointment of different boards of commissioners. He was an expert surgeon, performing numerous operations, principally those necessitated by railroad accidents, and was highly successful in this branch of his work. For several years he was connected with the surgical department of the Packer hospital in Sunbury as general consultant, having been elected and re-elected yearly. He practiced until a few years before his death, even after he

was eighty attending to office practice, for he enjoyed good health up to within a few weeks of the close of his life, and his mental faculties remained unimpaired.

Dr. Awl was a Democrat and an influential member of the party for years, working zealously in its interests, and he was honored with election as county treasurer, which office he held in 1864 and 1865, at the time the new courthouse was built, so that he had the handling of an unusually large amount of public funds. He was one of the three commissioners to whom was given the task of dividing the borough of Sunbury into wards, in 1885. He was also well known in other connections, having been president of the Northumberland County Agricultural Society, a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury (he was probably the oldest Mason in the State at the time of his death), and a member of St. John's M. E. Church at Sunbury for over thirty years.

As an authority and writer on local historical matters Dr. Awl had considerable reputation and made a number of valuable contributions to that class of literature. He was instrumental, with other Democrats, in the establishment, in 1861, of the *Northumberland County Democrat*. In 1859 several party leaders, including Dr. Awl, raised a fund to enlarge the plant of the *Milton Democrat* and remove it to Sunbury; and though this plan did not materialize Dr. Awl later purchased the equipment of the *Democrat* at sheriff's sale, removed it to Sunbury, and allowed its use in the publishing of the German paper, and it subsequently proved the nucleus of the equipment of the *Northumberland County Democrat* outfit. His intimate knowledge regarding penal institutions, combined with his familiarity with the history of his section of the county, makes his history of "Northumberland County Prisons" (beginning with the lock-up built for Shikellimy by Conrad Weiser and concluding with an account of the present model penitentiary), published in Meginness's *Historical Journal*, an authentic and reliable production; he made interesting contributions to other publications of Meginness on subjects of local interest, "The Old Cannon," "The First Duel in Northumberland County," "The Brady Family," etc., and assisted in preparing other material for similar use; and he prepared some "reminiscences" concerning social life in the early days for the county history published in 1891. In this connection it might be mentioned that he himself was one of the adventurous youths of Sunbury who planned a midnight expedition to Selinsgrove to recapture the old Fort Augusta cannon which the Selinsgrove boys had stolen. The raid was successful, the cannon being restored to its rightful place on the river bank at Sunbury, and was fired the next Fourth of July with proper observances.

On March 9, 1843, Dr. Awl was first married, while at Gratztown, Dauphin county, to Eliza Bower, of that county, and they had one child, which died in infancy. Mrs. Awl died July 28, 1846, and on Nov. 21, 1849, shortly after his return to Sunbury, Dr. Awl married (second) Rebecca A. Pursell of that place, daughter of Peter and Rachel (Miller) Pursell. She died Dec. 11, 1897, several years before the Doctor, who passed away at his home on Market square, Sunbury, March 13, 1905, after a week's illness. He is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. Three children survived him: William Maclay and Ellen Emily, both of Sunbury; and Mary P., who married Edward G. Young and lives in Renovo, Pa. (her children are John B. Packer and Robert Harris).

COL. DAVID TAGGART, in his day one of the foremost citizens of Northumberland and, indeed, of this section of the State, a public man of high standing and influence, came of a family which has been identified with what is now the borough of Northumberland since 1775.

Thomas Taggart, the founder of this family in America and in Northumberland county, was born May 10, 1728, in Ireland, of Scotch-Irish descent, and emigrated with his brother Robert prior to 1750, the young men settling in Philadelphia, where Robert became a merchant. About 1775 Thomas Taggart arrived at the town of Northumberland, where he became a leading merchant. Settling at Queen and Front streets, near what was later the site of Morgan's shoe store, he was a well known resident of the place until his death, which occurred April 13, 1788. He married Mary Vanderbilt, a native of Philadelphia, who died in Northumberland in 1805. Their descendants have been prominent in public life, in business matters, and in the wars of the country. Their family was a large one, viz.: Elizabeth, born June 15, 1753, married William Bonham, and died about 1780 (her son, Thomas, was for many years a tanner at Northumberland, but finally removed to Wabash county, Ill., where he died); Christiana, born May 12, 1755, married a Mr. Sample, and settled in Allegheny county, this State; Robert was born Feb. 18, 1757; John, born June 30, 1759, died July 21, 1759; Catharine, born Sept. 6, 1760, married Capt. John Painter, and died in 1840; Thomas, born Oct. 22, 1762, died Jan. 16, 1780 (he was killed by Indians); Mary, born Jan. 19, 1765, married a Mr. Patterson, a noted frontiersman of Pennsylvania, and died Feb. 8, 1791; John, born July 11, 1767, died Feb. 8, 1773; David, born Feb. 21, 1769, died May 17, 1812; William, born Oct. 3, 1771, died Jan. 24, 1773; William (2), known as "old Major" Taggart, born Aug. 6, 1773, kept store at an early day in Northumberland and in the latter part of his life re-

sided in Chillisquaque township, where he died at the age of eighty years; and James was born Jan. 1, 1782.

David Taggart, son of Thomas, born in Philadelphia Feb. 21, 1769, died May 17, 1812. He was educated in Northumberland, followed merchandising, and was a prominent Democrat in his time. He married Mary McCalla, whose father, John McCalla, was born April 22, 1739, son of Andrew and Mary McCalla, and died Sept. 19, 1810; his wife, Tamar (Rich), daughter of John Rich, was born in 1742 and died Sept. 22, 1797. Mr. and Mrs. McCalla lived for some years in Bucks county, Pa., where some of their older children were born. They had the following family: Sarah, born Dec. 1, 1762; Mary, Sept. 13, 1764 (she was born in Bucks county and died in Northumberland county); William, April 20, 1767; Elizabeth, April 7, 1769; Ruth, Sept. 12, 1771 (Mrs. Welker); Margaret, March 6, 1774 (died March 17, 1798); Tamar, Feb. 7, 1776; Martha, Feb. 28, 1778; Ann, May 7, 1780; Susanna, June 27, 1782; John, Nov. 21, 1785. To David and Mary (McCalla) Taggart were born the following named children: John is mentioned below; James, who died in Northumberland about 1855, was a merchant and was engaged for some time running packets on the canal, and was collector of tolls on the canal at Huntingdon for many years (his son, Grantham I., became a coal dealer at Savannah, Ga., and another son, John, was a physician, and died at Salt Lake City; his two daughters were Mary, who married Marks B. Priestley, and Gertrude, who married Solomon Kreegar); Sarah married Samuel C. McCormick; Mary A. married Alexander Colt.

John Taggart, son of David, born April 12, 1796, in Northumberland, was reared and educated in his native county and began his business career as a brewer in the town of Northumberland, where he lived and died. His brewery was located near the present steamboat landing. When the canal was constructed his brewery was removed to give place to it, and he quit the business. He was appointed canal commissioner by Governor Ritner, but after holding the position about one year resigned, being succeeded by Thaddeus Stevens. He was a charter member, stockholder and director of the Northumberland Bank, of which he was president for a number of years, and he was regarded as an enterprising man in all his undertakings. At the time of his death he was a Republican in politics. His death occurred at Northumberland Aug. 23, 1877, and there he and his wife are buried. They were members of the Unitarian Church. Mr. Taggart married Hannah Collin Huston, a native of Philadelphia, born Feb. 22, 1796, on Queen street, that city, died Nov. 28, 1870, and they had children as follows: David is mentioned below; Matthew Huston, born Feb. 18,

1824, married Rebecca McCurley, (second) Eliza McCurley and (third) Ella G. Royer (in 1888 he purchased the plant of C. A. Godcharles & Co., at Northumberland, and on Oct. 1, 1889, the establishment became the property of the firm of Taggart & Howell, manufacturers of iron and of iron and steel nails, his interest in this business covering a long period); Hannah, born Sept. 10, 1825, married Dr. Jos. Priestley and reared four children, Hannah (wife of Rev. H. D. Catlin), Fannie D. (wife of William Forsyth, Jr.), Anna and Jennie; Capt. James, born at Northumberland Feb. 4, 1827, married Sarah Cowden, daughter of John H. Cowden (he entered the army in 1861, organizing the Taggart Guards, of which he was elected captain, and he was killed at the battle of Charles City Cross Roads, June 30, 1862); John K., born Nov. 12, 1829, was secretary and clerk to his brother David in the paymaster's department in the army, and died Sept. 8, 1868, in St. Louis; Mary was born June 13, 1831; Francis A., born Feb. 26, 1833, entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Philadelphia (he had children: John, William, Joseph and Mrs. Anna Christy).

Col. David Taggart, born at Northumberland, May 28, 1822, received a good education, attending the common schools and Dickinson and Milton Academies. He read law with the famous Ebenezer Greenough, was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county Nov. 7, 1843, and was prominent in public life for many years. In 1854 he was elected a member of the State Senate, in which body he served two years, during the last year of his term being speaker. In 1852 he was chairman of the Whig State central committee, and subsequently became a Republican. For some years he was president of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in the Union service, remaining to the close of the struggle. He was in the paymaster's department, and after the war entered the United States regular army as paymaster in the quartermaster's department, with the rank of colonel. He was stationed in this capacity at different points throughout the country for several years. Possessing rare gifts as a public speaker, he was frequently called upon to deliver addresses at patriotic and other celebrations, and he was popular and influential wherever known. He was prominently mentioned for governor, but he was as willing to give his time and efforts to local affairs as to those which would bring him more fame, and he took an active part in the affairs of the borough, serving as school director and doing his duty as a public-spirited citizen. He died at Northumberland June 30, 1888, and is entombed in the Taggart mausoleum in Riverview cemetery.

On May 5, 1848, David Taggart married Anna P. Cowden, daughter of John H. Cowden and

granddaughter of John Cowden, who was born in Ireland, and coming to this country settled in Northumberland county, Pa., in which section he was one of the earliest merchants. He was postmaster from 1795 until Jan. 12, 1837. He sold his store and residence in 1836, upon his retirement from business. He married Sarah Hope-well, and both lived to old age. They were the parents of children as follows: One son died in infancy, unnamed; Elizabeth married Dr. Wallace; Deborah married William McQuhae, a Scotch artist, who painted a miniature portrait of Robert Burns, the poet, from life; Sarah married Judge Merrill, of New Berlin, Pa.; Mary married Judge Bradford; Rebecca married James Hepburn; John H. is mentioned below; Anna M. married Judge Donaldson.

John H. Cowden was born in Northumberland county, became a very successful business man, and amassed a large competence. He was a merchant, was president of the West Branch Bank at Williamsport, Pa., and for some years was owner of the beautiful Packer Island. He died at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. Cowden married Hannah Pleasants, who died at the early age of twenty-seven, the mother of four children: John, who died at the age of forty-six; Anna Pleasants, Mrs. Taggart; Sarah H., who married Capt. James Taggart; and Hannah P., wife of William Potter Withington, living in West Virginia.

After Colonel Taggart's death Mrs. Taggart bought the Martin property on Queen street, Northumberland, where she took up her residence. To Col. David and Anna P. (Cowden) Taggart were born four children: Helen T. is the widow of David H. Clark and resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.; John C. died when six years old; Hanna C. H. is unmarried and makes her home in Northumberland; James is also a resident of that place.

JAMES TAGGART, son of Col. David Taggart, was born Feb. 22, 1862, in Northumberland borough, and there received the greater part of his education in the public schools. He completed the freshman year at the University of Lewisburg (now Bucknell University), after which he began to take an active part in the management of his father's affairs, the latter's property including three large farms, gardens, fine herds of cattle, etc., and being the only son he was given a large share of the responsibility from an early age. Though but twenty-six years old when his father died, the care of the large estate fell upon his shoulders, but he proved himself equal to the task, and has conducted all the details of its management in a most able manner. He is a prominent citizen of the borough, a Republican in politics, and influential in the various circles in business and social life with which he is identified.

On March 8, 1892, Mr. Taggart married Mary E. Gulick, daughter of William G. and Ellen (Zet-

(ing) Gulick, of Northumberland, but earlier of Rush township, this county, where her grandparents, Charles and Hannah (Morgan) Gulick, resided. Mr. and Mrs. Taggart have no children.

Matthew Huston, father of Mrs. Hannah Collin (Huston) Taggart, was born July 21, 1759, in Warminster township, Bucks Co., Pa., and on March 25, 1786, he married Hannah Cox, who was born April 5, 1762, in Kingessing township, Philadelphia county. They lived in Woolwich township, Gloucester Co., N. J., for some time, the first two children being born there. They had the following family: Andrew C., born March 27, 1787; Mary L., born Aug. 10, 1788 (died Feb. 26, 1790); Cynthia, born July 28, 1790 (died Aug. 31, 1791); Charles A., born Aug. 31, 1793 (died March 17, 1795); Hannah Collin, born Feb. 22, 1796 (died Nov. 28, 1870).

GREENOUGH. The Greenough family represented at present in Sunbury by William H. Greenough, a business man of that borough, has not been a numerous one, but its members have been distinguished in local professional and financial circles, Ebenezer Greenough and his son, William I. Greenough, having been brilliant legal practitioners, whose association with the Northumberland county bar covered more than half a century. With the legal career of Eben William Greenough, son of William I. Greenough, the name was connected with the legal profession for the better part of a century.

Ebenezer Greenough, great-grandfather of William H. Greenough, was born Dec. 11, 1783, in Massachusetts, and graduated at Harvard in 1804. Soon afterward he left Haverhill on horseback for Pennsylvania, in which State he made his first location at Wilkes-Barre, accepting the position of principal of the academy at that place immediately after his arrival. During his connection with that institution he commenced the study of law under Ebenezer Bowman. Removing to Sunbury in the latter part of the year 1806, he completed his professional preparation under Charles Hall, was admitted to the Northumberland county bar Jan. 19, 1808, and was continuously engaged in the practice of the law from that time until his death, Dec. 25, 1847. He was a man of large education and high intellectual qualities, versatile, forceful, commanding, and he soon attained a position of pre-eminence among the legal fraternity which he maintained by his superior abilities and acquirements until the close of his life. His familiarity with the land laws of Pennsylvania was so thorough that he was noted for his skill in the trial of ejectment cases for the determination of titles under conflicting surveys; but though concerned in almost every important case of the kind in his home county and the ad-

joining counties he by no means confined his work to that class of litigation, being as frequently engaged and equally successful in general civil and criminal cases. So noted was he for his clearness, logic and force in argument, for self-possession under the most trying circumstances, that in his later years he was often asked by attorneys of other counties in the Northern district to assist in the presentation of their cases before the Supreme court. No distractions, no unforeseen and sudden difficulties, ever disconcerted him or took his mind off the issue at stake. In cross-examination he seldom failed to produce the desired testimony from a witness; in addressing a jury he appealed to their intelligence rather than to sentiment, and he had the faculty of making his views appear so logical as to be incontrovertible. With the exception of one term in the State Legislature, to which he was elected in 1831, on the Whig ticket, he held no public position, his fame resting upon his professional achievements, which won him a conspicuous place among the notable men of his day. He was a warm friend of Samuel J. Packer, and they worked much together in matters of vital interest affecting the public welfare. During his service in the Legislature he was a leading advocate of internal improvements in Pennsylvania and active in the formation of manufacturing and corporation laws and he was the author of the Lateral Railroad law, although this was probably written after he left the Legislature; though he was not subsequently interested officially in public affairs they interested him none the less, and his influence was an appreciable factor for or against any cause. He accumulated what in his day was considered a handsome fortune. Mr. Greenough married Abigail Israel, a native of Delaware, born Dec. 12, 1791, and she survived him many years, dying in 1868. Their family consisted of one son and five daughters.

William I. Greenough, son of Ebenezer, was born May 27, 1821, at Sunbury. He attended the academy at that place, and later those of Wilkes-Barre and Danville, after which he entered Princeton College, from which he was graduated in 1839. He studied law for three years under his father before his admission to the Northumberland county bar, Aug. 2, 1842, and from that time on was a successful attorney and counselor at Sunbury. Like his father, though interested in public questions and matters affecting the general welfare, he himself avoided official responsibilities, giving his entire time to the profession for which he proved so eminently fitted. He was best known as a counselor, and throughout his career was associated in the trial of many of the most important cases of the county. His methods in presenting a case in court were much the same as those followed by his father. His arguments were noted for the absence of unnecessary verbiage and

irrelevant matter of any kind, presented as if they were facts that needed only to be stated, not logic laid before a jury to persuade them to his cause. For a number of years he was selected as master in chancery in many of the leading cases in Northumberland county, a tribute to "his judicial qualifications no less than a compliment to his sound deliberative judgment." Originally a Whig in politics, he became a Republican upon the organization of the party and supported its principles the rest of his life. He died in 1893.

On Sept. 21, 1852, Mr. Greenough was married at Danville, Pa., to Mary C. Baldy, who was born there Sept. 16, 1827, daughter of the late Peter Baldy, of Danville, and died May 20, 1910, at her home on Chestnut street, Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Greenough had two sons, William and Eben William, the former of whom died in infancy. They settled in Sunbury immediately after their marriage, so that Mrs. Greenough had been a resident of the borough for almost sixty years at the time of her recent death, and during the greater part of that time had occupied the home near the First Reformed church, where she died. In her eighty-third year at the time of her demise, she had been in failing health for some time, but was not seriously ill until the last three weeks. She was buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. A devout member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, she was one of its most devoted workers and liberal supporters, and the present prosperity of the parish is due in large measure to her generosity. She built and equipped the parish house on South Fourth street, as a memorial to her husband. But her interest in her fellow beings was not limited to what she could do through the church. Her charity and sympathies were broad, extending to all who needed or deserved them, and though quietly and unostentatiously performed her many good deeds will live in the hearts of the recipients for all time. Her kindness and consideration made her benefactions doubly gratifying to the poor and distressed. She was a welcome presence among all classes. Mrs. Greenough encouraged many material improvements in the borough by her influence and support and her name will long be remembered with gratitude by all who knew her.

EBEN WILLIAM GREENOUGH, son of William I. and Mary C. (Baldy) Greenough, was born at Sunbury July 3, 18—, and died there April 4, 1905; he is buried at Pomfret Manor cemetery. He was a graduate of Princeton University, and like his distinguished father and grandfather entered the legal profession, practicing until his recent death. He laid out the borough of Marion Heights, in Mount Carmel township. He married Elizabeth Swann Hewitt, daughter of Horatio Hewitt, a native of England, and she died in June, 1889. They had three children, Mary, William H. and Suzette Reeves, Mary

and William H. living with their grandmother, Mrs. Greenough, until her death.

WILLIAM HEWITT GREENOUGH was born in Sunbury March 30, 1884. He received his early education in private schools in Philadelphia, later attending Trinity College, at Hartford, Conn., and from his youth has been in active business in Sunbury. He has large real estate holdings, in the borough, and is associated with various business enterprises. Since April, 1905, he has been a director of the First National Bank. Since March 20, 1909, he has been president of the Sunbury and Selinsgrove Electric Street Railway Company. He is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., at Sunbury, and a member of the Temple Club, of which he was the first president. Mr. Greenough has one of the finest law libraries in the county, having his father's, grandfather's and great-grandfather's libraries, a most complete and valuable collection.

JOHN McCLEERY, late of Milton, Northumberland county, was among the useful citizens whose memory will long be gratefully cherished in the borough where his entire life was passed. Coming of a family which had for two generations preceding him maintained its position among the leading influences for progress and good in the community, he lived up to its best traditions, and has left a name typical of the race from which he sprang and a credit to the life he led.

The McCleery family is of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock. The early ancestors left Scotland at the time of the religious persecutions and took refuge in the North of Ireland. Michael McCleery, a native of Celerraine, Ireland, came to America when a young man with his brother John. The latter served as a captain in the Revolutionary war, and was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill. Michael McCleery went first to Virginia and finally settled on the Conestoga, in Lancaster county, Pa. His wife's name was Jeanette.

John McCleery, son of Michael and Jeanette, born Oct. 13, 1767, at the forks of the Conestoga in Earl township, Lancaster county, grew up there, attending the subscription schools in his youth. When a young man he engaged in mercantile pursuits at Harrisburg, whence early in the nineteenth century he removed to Milton, Northumberland county. He was one of the pioneer business men at that point, opening a general mercantile establishment at the southeast corner of South Front street and Broadway, and his business was typical of the times, his dealings in produce and grain reaching large proportions. Transportation facilities in those days were very primitive, there being neither canals nor railroads, and he shipped his grain and produce down the river to market in large arks built for the purpose, trading them for merchandise in the larger cities. Retiring

from merchandising, he purchased a farm south of Milton, which later formed a part of the William Cameron estate and is now owned by J. C. Packer. He erected good buildings and followed farming there the rest of his days, dying June 21, 1851.

On Sept. 23, 1802, Mr. McCleery married, at Lytle Ferry, Mary Lytle, who was born there March 16, 1774, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Morrison) Lytle; the ceremony was performed by Rev. Nathan Souden. Mrs. McCleery's paternal ancestors were English, while on the maternal side she was of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. McCleery are buried in the Harmony cemetery at Milton. They had children as follows: William; Sarah, born Feb. 18, 1805, who married John L. Watson; Joseph, born Jan. 10, 1807; Jane, born Feb. 4, 1809, who married Rev. David X. Junkin; Elizabeth, born Sept. 10, 1811; and Mary, born March 16, 1814, who married Rev. Nathan Shotwell.

William McCleery, M. D., eldest son of John, was born July 31, 1803, at Halifax, Dauphin Co., Pa. He was a young child when he came with his parents to Milton, where the remainder of his life was passed. He received his early education in the famous old Milton Academy, then under the principalship of Rev. Dr. David Kirkpatrick, which excellent school was the alma mater of many Pennsylvanians who became prominent. His higher literary training was received at Washington College, Washington, Pa., and he then took up the study of medicine under Dr. James S. Dougal, of Milton. He completed the course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating in 1827, after which he was associated in practice with his old preceptor at Milton for several years. His skill and personal qualities brought him wide popularity and patronage and he continued in the active practice of medicine until 1857, in which year he turned over his professional interests to his son, Dr. James Pollock McCleery, who was a prominent physician of the borough for almost fifty years, retiring in 1905 because of poor health. Dr. McCleery lived in retirement for a time after abandoning his profession, taking a much needed rest, but his mind was too energetic to find relief in complete inactivity. While practicing he had become interested in the lumber business, and in 1844 he erected the first steam sawmill ever established on the west branch of the Susquehanna, at Milton, on what is now the site of the American Car & Foundry Company's plant. He soon turned his attention to the operation of this mill, in which he was most successfully engaged to the end of his days, dying Dec. 4, 1867. He was a man of enterprising and progressive spirit, diligent in whatever he undertook, and was efficient in business as he had been in professional pursuits. He occupied the brick residence which in

time became the home of his son John (whose widow now occupies it) and in which he spent his later days. In political sentiment he was originally a Whig, becoming a Republican on the formation of the new party.

On Oct. 2, 1828, Dr. McCleery married Margaret Pollock, daughter of William Pollock and sister of James Pollock, one time governor of Pennsylvania, and to this union were born the following children: Mary, born Sept. 9, 1830, married Joseph D. Potts, of Philadelphia; James Pollock, born Nov. 13, 1832, was for years in successful medical practice at Milton; Sarah, born Nov. 5, 1834, is deceased; John is mentioned below; William P., born April 27, 1836, was a captain in the 18th Regiment, United States Infantry, during the Civil war, and later served against the Indians on the Western plains, but he resigned his commission in 1868, was for some time in business at Troy, Pa., and died May 31, 1907, at Milton, Pa.; Julia J., born Oct. 18, 1841, was the wife of Gen. Jesse Merrill. The mother of this family died in 1842, at the age of thirty-six.

John McCleery, son of Dr. William, was born April 8, 1837, at Milton, and there received his early education, attending the Milton Academy. Later he went to Tuscarora Academy, at Juniata, and took the classical course at Princeton University, graduating in 1858. His next few years were devoted to teaching and reading law. Immediately after graduating from college he became assistant principal of the Milton Academy under Rev. W. T. Wylie, and at the same time read law with Hon. James Pollock. Soon after he was admitted to the bar the Civil war broke out, and although he had entered upon the practice of his profession under the most favorable circumstances, with every promise of immediate success, he did not hesitate about entering the Union service when the calls for troops came. The Pollock Guards were organized at Milton under the first requisition, but were not accepted, the complement of the county having been filled. A second effort was made to enter the service, and on May 15, 1861, the company left for Harrisburg, going by canal boat. They were again rejected, and returned to Milton, but having signified their willingness to enlist for three years they were assigned to the Reserve Corps, and on June 1, 1861, again went to Harrisburg, where they were mustered in as Company H, 34th Pennsylvania (5th Reserve) Infantry, with John McCleery and Harry B. Paxton as captains. Captain McCleery took an active share in all the movements of his command, which saw service in the campaigns in Maryland and West Virginia in the summer of 1861, and in the summer of 1862 was engaged in the seven days' fight before Richmond. He was at Mechanicsville and Gaines'

Mill, June 26 and 27, 1862, and in the fierce encounter at Newmarket Cross Roads (Glendale), June 30th, where he was twice severely wounded, being shot through the thigh and receiving serious injury to his spine by a fragment of shell. That day he fell into the hands of the enemy, and was confined in Libby prison, where he remained until released on parole, in July. In August he was exchanged, and in September reported for duty, rejoining his regiment near Fredericksburg, Md. But his injuries and imprisonment had rendered him quite unfit for field service and he was ordered home for further convalescence. Finding that his disability was apparently permanent, he reluctantly resigned on Nov. 25, 1862. Later, however, as his health improved somewhat, he was mustered in as a lieutenant colonel with the 28th Emergency Regiment, at Harrisburg, giving valuable service in that capacity during the invasion of the State in 1863.

As a soldier Captain McCleery measured up to the highest standards of efficiency, bringing to his duties such intelligence and good judgment as to win at once the approving notice of his superior officers. Though firm in matters of discipline, he commended himself to the members of his command by his strict impartiality and his manifest interest in their welfare. In every engagement in which he took part he gave convincing proof of flawless courage. His pleasant relations with his fellow officers gave him an enviable reputation for gentlemanliness which he well deserved and which won him universal respect.

His military service over, Mr. McCleery returned home and took up the practice of the law, in which he was actively engaged until 1891. His energy and intelligence also found an outlet in the promoting and pushing of large enterprises, many of which have been a substantial foundation for the prosperity which Milton enjoys to-day. His influence and encouragement were sufficient to gather support for a number of the most important undertakings in the place, and thus, as early as 1864, he was one of the founders of the Milton Car Works, with which he was long identified. He was also among the founders of the Milton Rolling Mills, a director of the Milton Water Works, and for years president of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, which was organized through his efforts Feb. 17, 1887. He continued as president of that concern until physically disabled for the duties of the office, his injuries finally resulting in paralysis, so that he was compelled to withdraw from all such activities. For the last twenty years of his life he suffered continuously, but though dependent throughout this long period upon those around him for the slightest office he was patient, never murmuring at his affliction or its cause, though he drew comfort from the thought that his suf-

fering was for the good of his country. His death, which occurred Dec. 29, 1907, at Atlantic City, was doubtless a happy relief to him, but it was a loss to his family, his friends and his community which will long be regretted. Mr. McCleery was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in political faith a Republican. Socially he united with the G. A. R. and the Union Veterans' Legion.

On June 6, 1866, Mr. McCleery married Mary Helen Marr, and to them were born two children, Edward Heber and Margaret Pollock. Edward Heber McCleery was born July 25, 1867, in Milton, and there attended public school and a select school taught by Prof. Elias Schneider. Later he went to Lawrenceville Academy, in New Jersey, entered Princeton, in the class of 1888, and then entered upon his medical studies at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1890. He has since been practicing medicine at Kane, Pa., where he has met with the most gratifying success. Margaret Pollock McCleery married Hazel Baldwin, and they reside in Corning, N. Y. They have one daughter, Mary Shaw Baldwin.

Mrs. McCleery still resides in the old home at Milton. She is a daughter of David and Hettie L. (Davis) Marr, granddaughter of William Marr and great-granddaughter of Joseph Marr.

Joseph Marr was born June 15, 1750, in Northampton county, Pa., and in 1793 came up the west branch of the Susquehanna river to Turbut township, Northumberland county, where he purchased of the widow of Francis Turbut a tract of 739 acres, a portion of the estate known as "the Colonel's reward." It being a choice piece of land, he paid five pounds per acre. In 1793 he settled thereon with his family, and there he passed the remainder of his life, dying Sept. 3, 1796. He married Susanna Price, who was born April 27, 1754, and died Dec. 27, 1826. They had six children: Mary, who married Robert Martin; Hannah, who married William Hull; David; William, grandfather of Mrs. McCleery; Joseph; and Alem, a prominent attorney, who served two terms in Congress.

David Marr, father of Mrs. McCleery, was born on the old homestead. He became a prosperous farmer, owning two fine farms, but later took up railroad contracting and eventually became a woolen manufacturer at White Deer Mills, in Union county, Pa. He died at the age of forty-seven. Mr. Marr was twice married, his first union being with Hettie L. Davis, by whom he had four children: Annie Eliza, who married John A. Grier; Mary Helen, widow of John McCleery; William, who died in infancy; and Rebecca, who also died young. By his second marriage, to Harriet Matchin, Mr. Marr had five children: William, Alem, Brainard, Alfred and Jeanette.

COL. GEORGE B. CADWALLADER, now living retired in the borough of Sunbury, was long prominent in the affairs of that community, in his earlier years in various business relations, for a number of years before his retirement as superintendent of the Sunbury Water Company, and for several years in his official capacity of chief burgess. He attained the rank of colonel by brevet during the Civil war, entering the Union service as first lieutenant and rising by merit.

Colonel Cadwallader is a native of Bucks county, Pa., born Oct. 20, 1830, near Doylestown. His grandfather lived and died in that county. Dr. Peter Cadwallader, his father, was also born there, died in 1832 at Doylestown, where he was engaged in the practice of the medical profession, and is buried there, in Buckingham township. He married Hannah M. Magill, like himself a native of Bucks county, and like him, also, of Scottish ancestry. She lived to the age of eighty. Dr. Peter Cadwallader and his wife had the following children: Peter died in infancy; John, who was a miller and a well known man in this section, lived in Montour county, but died in Sunbury and is buried in the old cemetery (he never married; he was a well known member of the Masonic fraternity here, belonging to Maclay Lodge and to the Knights Templars); George B. is mentioned below; Mary died young.

George B. Cadwallader spent his boyhood at his native place and there received his early education. He subsequently attended the academy at Danville, Pa., and having decided to become a druggist went to Philadelphia to take the course at the College of Pharmacy there. Having completed his preparation he established himself in the drug business at Danville, thence in 1857 removing to Shamokin, Northumberland county, where he carried on business as a druggist until the outbreak of the Civil war. In April, 1861, he entered the Union army, and for over five years was engaged in the service of his country, his army record being a notable one. Becoming first lieutenant of Company A, 8th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, he served three months, in August, 1861, re-entering the service with the same rank in Company K, 46th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Promotions came rapidly. On Sept. 17, 1861, he became first lieutenant and quartermaster of his regiment, serving thus until July, 1863, when he was advanced to captain and assistant quartermaster, U. S. A. In March, 1865, he was brevetted major and lieutenant colonel, and subsequently, for meritorious service throughout the war, was brevetted colonel, with which rank he was mustered out of the service, at Richmond, Va., Sept. 10, 1866. He served as quartermaster of Williams's Brigade, Army of Virginia, of the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 2d Corps, Army of Virginia, and of the 1st Bri-

gade, 1st Division, 12th Corps, Army of the Potomac; as post quartermaster at Dechant, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga.; was in charge of transportation during Sherman's memorable march; in charge of national cemeteries at Seven Pines (Fair Oaks) and Hollywood; in charge of quartermasters' depots at Cleveland, Ohio, and Richmond, Virginia.

In 1867, soon after the close of his army service, Colonel Cadwallader came to Sunbury, where he has since made his home. He and his brother John embarked in the flour and feed business under the firm name of John Cadwallader & Co., and prospered from the start, operating three mills at different points in Northumberland county. The business developed to large and profitable proportions. In 1869 Colonel Cadwallader purchased a drug store in Sunbury from Dr. John G. Markle & Co., and continued to carry it on until 1884, at which time he became general superintendent of the Sunbury Nail, Bar and Guide Iron Company, manufacturers of considerable importance to this region. He retained that position until 1891, resigning to take the position of superintendent with the Sunbury Water Company, with which he was connected in such capacity until his resignation, over ten years ago. Though he has relinquished his more active responsibilities he is still associated with local interests as member of the official board of the Sunbury Safe Deposit & Trust Company, of which he was one of the original directors, having been a leading spirit in its organization. He is also president of the Sunbury Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he was a founder and the first vice president.

The Colonel has always held public-spirited ideas regarding the duties of citizens to protect the interests of the community, and in his position as an influential business man has been able to accomplish much of benefit to his fellow citizens. They have recognized his efforts by electing him to responsible public office, and his popularity has won him the support of the best class of citizens. In 1887 he was elected chief burgess, in which office he served two terms, having been re-elected in 1889. In other respects he has also been a leader. For several years he was foreman of No. 1 Fire Company. He was first commander of the G. A. R. post at Sunbury, is a prominent member of the Loyal Legion, and also holds membership in the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., and Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

In 1870 Colonel Cadwallader married Mrs. Georgiana (Markle) Wolverton, who died May 9, 1885. Two daughters were born to this union: Mary C., who is unmarried and at home with her father; and Anna, who married Simon P. Wolver-

ton, Jr., son of S. P. Wolverton, and resides at Sunbury. Mrs. Cadwallader's mother was a Robins, a member of the first family to settle at Sunbury. The site of the Colonel's beautiful home, which he erected in 1883 at the corner of Fifth and Market streets, was taken up by the Robinses, and the property is one of the most attractive residences in Sunbury. The General has been active in building up the borough, having erected several residences.

SAMUEL JOHNSTON SHIMER, late of Milton, Northumberland county, was a name that stood for leadership in the manufacturing activities of that borough for many years. For almost forty years the name has been identified with the most important interests of the place and its representatives have shown themselves capable not only in the executive work of the enterprises but ingenious in the technical requirements, for their most valuable products are devices of their own invention and some of their output has probably attained a wider circulation than any other industrial products of Milton, certain of their specialties being used in practically every country of the globe. Samuel J. Shimer, long senior member of the firm which still bears his name, was a citizen of Milton for thirty years, during which time he did as much as any one citizen of the borough has ever done for its business advancement, especially along modern industrial lines. The Milton Manufacturing Company has also been owned by the Shimers for over twenty years.

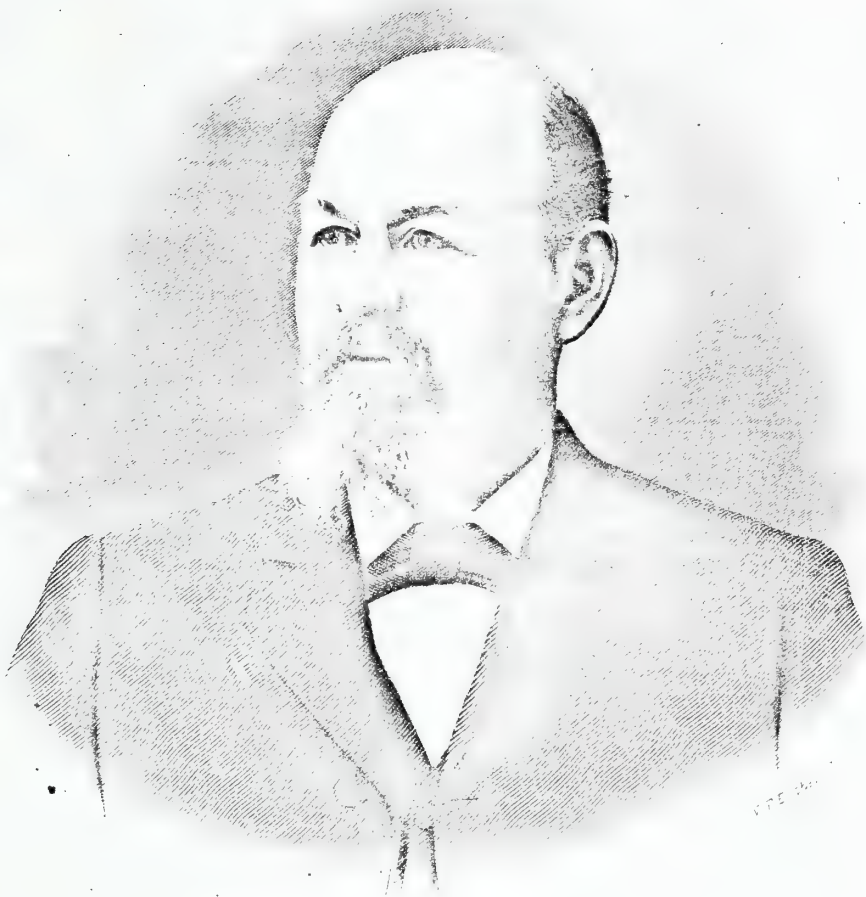
Samuel Johnston Shimer was born Dec. 3, 1837, in Bethlehem township, Northampton Co., Pa. His parents, Abram B. and Margaretta (Johnston) Shimer, were natives of the same county. Mr. Shimer of German descent, Mrs. Shimer of Scottish extraction. He was reared on the old farm in his native township, where he began his education in the public schools, later attending an academy at Bethlehem. Upon leaving school he engaged in farming. In October, 1871, Mr. Shimer came to Milton, whither his brother George had preceded him in 1869, and with George Applegate and C. L. Johnston they formed the firm of Applegate, Shimer & Co., which purchased a tract of eighteen hundred acres of heavily timbered land in Union county, Pa., for lumber operations. They cut the timber and manufactured it into lumber, which was hauled to Milton, the nearest shipping point. Their operations were continued until over three thousand acres of timber had been cut and marketed, when in 1880, after the Milton fire, the firm continued under the name of Shimer & Co., Messrs. Johnston and Applegate retiring.

Meantime, in 1873, the Shimer brothers had invented and patented a matcher head which proved to be one of the most valuable devices of the century. In 1872 the firm had established a sawmill

and small planing mill at Milton, at the present location, in the Third ward, and the necessities of the work there prompted the invention. The plant had been intended originally for the manufacture of lumber exclusively, but in time a small machine shop came to be run in connection, and after the destruction of the establishment in the great fire of 1880 it was rebuilt as a machine shop for the manufacture of cutter heads of their own invention, and other specialties. The establishment was a small one at the beginning, but energy and vigor were back of it, and the owners devoted their time and attention to pushing the business with such success that it soon needed to be enlarged and became one of the most completely equipped plants in this section. The main building, a two-story concrete structure, 72 x 140 feet in dimensions, is thoroughly prepared for all kinds of work in this special line, with engine lathes, planers, shapers, millers, drills, et cetera, and in another building, 36 by 315, two-story brick, are the lathes and planers upon which the heavier product is manufactured. The plant is equipped throughout for electrical transmission of power. The matcher heads made here are used in all parts of this country, as well as in Australia, England, Canada and elsewhere, having probably become more widely known than any other single manufactured product of Milton.

In 1884 a new plant was erected, in Northampton county, Pa., and that year George J. Shimer retired from the Milton business to assume control of the new establishment, S. J. Shimer becoming sole proprietor of the original plant, which he continued under his own name. Later he took his two sons, Elmer S. and George S., into partnership, the name then taking its present form, S. J. Shimer & Sons. In the fall of 1886 there was established the Milton Manufacturing Company for the purpose of manufacturing certain iron and steel specialties, but the business was unsuccessful and in the fall of 1888 the plant was purchased under lease by Samuel J. Shimer and his sons, who reorganized and continued under the same title, there being then employed about fifty men. This company has since developed until at present their employees number about eight hundred and their manufactured products are distributed throughout the world.

In 1889 Mr. Samuel J. Shimer originated and patented a device for cutting nuts and washers, and its production became the chief work of the Milton Manufacturing Company. After some years the manufacture of hot pressed and cold punched nuts was commenced. S. J. Shimer & Sons still continue the manufacture of cutter heads, cutter knives and bits, which are favorably known and used throughout the United States and Canada. It has always been the policy of this concern to de-



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sign and perfect machinery especially adapted to the manufacture of its products, and to maintain the highest possible standards in quality—a policy made possible by the inventive genius possessed by the members of the Shimer family, and by the interest they have always kept up in the perfection of mechanical devices generally. They are noted for high-grade products and for irreproachable business standards, a combination which has proved effective in winning success of the permanent kind. In the death of Mr. Samuel J. Shimer, which occurred June 18, 1901, Milton lost one of her foremost citizens.

Mr. Shimer was one of the incorporators of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of which he served as vice-president many years. A gentleman of enterprise, public spirit and the highest integrity, he was widely known and universally respected.

On Sept. 27, 1860, Mr. Shimer married Catharine A. Stout, a native of Northampton county, Pa., and three children were born to this union: Elmer S.; Mary C., wife of William A. Heinen; and George S. Mr. Shimer and all his family united with the Presbyterian Church. He was a Republican in political matters.

Isaac Stout, Mrs. Shimer's father, was born in Northampton county, followed farming there, and died Jan. 5, 1857. He married Catharine Clemens, a native of Bucks county, but like himself a member of a Northampton county family and of German origin. They are buried at Bethlehem, Northampton county. To them were born the following children: Fredericka Amelia, widow of Charles Christian, is now (1911) in her ninety-sixth year; Mary married Samuel Reigel; Barbara died in infancy; Elizabeth married William Steckler; Anna M. married Jacob Lillie; Louisa E. died at the age of twenty-six years, unmarried; Dr. Abraham served as a surgeon during the Civil war; Lewis H. was also in the Civil war, in the commissary department; Catharine A. is the widow of Samuel J. Shimer, and continues to make her home at Milton.

ELMER S. SHIMER, eldest son of Samuel J. Shimer, was born Sept. 19, 1862. He received the greater part of his education in the public schools of Milton, and at the Milton Academy under Professor Schneider, and later attended the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He began work in his father's employ, and remained with him continuously, in time becoming a member of the firm. When the Milton Manufacturing Company was established by his father, in 1886, he became treasurer of the new concern, and upon the incorporation of Samuel J. Shimer & Sons, in 1903, he was made president. As the executive officer of this company he holds an important place in the industrial life of the borough, where the value of his establishment and its influence on

the prosperity of the community are thoroughly appreciated. He is a director of the Milton National Bank, and is at present serving as a member of the school board. In politics he is a Republican, in religious connection a Presbyterian.

Mr. Shimer married Margaret S. Lawson, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Finney) Lawson, and they have had three children: Elizabeth, Samuel J. and Harold.

GEORGE S. SHIMER, younger son of Samuel J. Shimer, was born March 26, 1866, and received his education in Milton, graduating from the high school. Like his brother, he has always been associated with the Shimer interests at Milton, and upon the incorporation of Samuel J. Shimer & Sons, in 1903, he became vice president and treasurer. When the Milton Manufacturing Company was established, in 1886, he was made manager, and in 1901 became president, and he is also a director of the Milton National Bank. Though a man of large business interests, he has always maintained a strong interest in the general welfare of the borough, and he is at present serving as councilman. In politics he is a Republican, and like the rest of the family, a Presbyterian in religious connection.

Mr. Shimer was married to Libba S. Moore, daughter of John Moore, of Milton, and their family consists of three children: Miriam C., Florence E. and George S.

JOHN P. HELFENSTEIN, of Shamokin, who is engaged in the practice of law and the management of various important business interests, is a native of that borough, born Nov. 26, 1856, son of Charles P. and Caroline H. (Perkins) Helfenstein. In pursuing the legal profession and in the prosecution of business he is following in the footsteps of his immediate ancestors, the Helfensteins having been identified with both. His father and uncle were not only eminent lawyers but among the most enterprising leaders in the development of the Shamokin and Trevorton coal fields, the introduction of railroads, and the promotion of many undertakings which marked the beginning of modern industrial conditions not only in Shamokin and vicinity but also throughout this section of Pennsylvania.

After graduating from the Shamokin high school in 1872 John P. Helfenstein attended a private school in Shamokin, for three years, his teacher the first year being Herbert Lathe (graduate of Yale, 1873), and the second year Charles F. Joy (Yale, 1874). In 1876 he entered Yale College, from which he was graduated with the degree of B. A. in 1880, with honors, immediately thereafter matriculating at the law school of that university, from which he was graduated in 1883. He was entitled to practice law in the Superior courts of Connecticut, and returning to his home in

Pennsylvania was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county the following year, 1884. Meantime he had settled down to business at Shamokin, becoming superintendent of the Gas Company, which position he held until 1886, when he resigned it in order to give more time to his professional interests, which were growing to such an extent as to demand the greater part of his attention. However, his time at present is principally occupied with the management of his own real estate and that of his father's estate, though he retains interests in different concerns included in the field of public utilities, including the Gas Company, the Electric Light Company, the Mount Carmel Gas Company (of which he is treasurer), the Telephone Company and various banks.

Mr. Helfenstein maintains numerous social relations, being a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Bloomsburg Consistory (thirty-second degree); LuLu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Philadelphia; the Craftsmen's Club of Bloomsburg; the Cresco and Temple Clubs of Shamokin; the Livingston Club of Allentown; and Shamokin Lodge of Elks, No. 355. He holds membership in the Episcopal Church and has served in a number of the church offices. Politically he has been active in the Democratic party, having served sixteen years as committeeman of his ward. He has availed himself of many opportunities to show his broad public spirit on questions of general interest and projects affecting the welfare of the community.

In 1883 Mr. Helfenstein married Carrie Atwood Northall, daughter of John Northall, of Pottsville, Pa., and they had two children: Esther C., now the wife of Roger K. Williams, of Cynwyd, near Philadelphia, and the mother of one son, Roger; and Gretchen E., who died at the age of six years. Mrs. Carrie Atwood (Northall) Helfenstein died in 1902. On Aug. 12, 1908, Mr. Helfenstein married (second) Helen C. Holl, daughter of Thomas Holl, late of Shamokin, and to this union have been born two children: Helen Leonard, on July 28, 1909, and John Philip, on Aug. 4, 1910.

HELFENSTEIN. There are few names which have more significance in the history of the development and opening of this region than that of Helfenstein. The achievements of Judge William Leonard Helfenstein and Charles P. Helfenstein, brothers, in the promotion of the early coal and railroad companies, the forerunners of organizations and systems of such strength and importance that the history of the State and even the nation is bound up in their successful and proper administration, may rightly be classed as a solid part of the foundation upon which the in-

dustrial prosperity and fame of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have long rested. Her coal fields have constituted one of the most valuable sources of her wealth; and their operation is so closely associated with the expansion of and progress of railroads that the two can scarcely be separated. From 1849 on through the most trying period of their evolution Judge Helfenstein was at the head of many of the most ambitious enterprises of the kind set on foot. As time has proved, he was ahead of his generation in his ideas and in the possibilities he foresaw. All his hopes were not realized in his own active career in this region. But he paved the way for those who took up his work after him, and he deserves the praise of the pioneer in any field, the man who has the courage to act upon his convictions. He and his brother withdrew from active connection with the coal interests of this section about 1872.

WILLIAM LEONARD HELFENSTEIN was born in 1801 in Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa., son of John P. and Elizabeth Helfenstein, and grandson of Rev. Conrad Helfenstein, who came to this country from Germany as a missionary of the German Reformed Church. William L. Helfenstein was a small boy when he removed with his parents to Carlisle, Pa., and there he grew to manhood and received his education, graduating from Dickinson College in 1823. Subsequently he studied theology at Princeton, with the intention of entering the ministry, but his health failing he was obliged to abandon his studies, and thus the whole after current of his life was changed. Shortly afterward his parents moved to Dayton, Ohio, to which place he accompanied them. He there entered the law office of Judge Crane, one of the eminent jurists of the Miami Valley, was admitted to the bar and practiced his profession in Dayton for several years quite successfully. Meantime he became prominent in the local councils of the Democratic party, which nominated him for Congress against his old preceptor, Judge Crane, and, though the district had a Whig majority of over two thousand, his great personal popularity cut down the majority to within thirty votes of election. After this favorable expression of public opinion he was, in 1835, elected by the Legislature judge of the court of Common Pleas of the Dayton district, which position he filled in a satisfactory manner for the full constitutional term of seven years, until 1842. He then removed with his parents to Milwaukee, Wis., but finally settled in Chicago, Ill., where he opened a law office and continued the practice of his profession for a few years. About this time his attention was directed to the undeveloped anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania, and, urged by some of his friends to undertake their development, he came East in 1849 and commenced the great work with which his name is intimately connected. There

is hardly any other one man who did so much in this special field. He was the principal promoter of the company that founded Trevorton the following year. He organized from time to time a number of coal companies, among them the Zerbe Run, Mahanoy Improvement, Carbon Run, Big Mountain, Green Ridge, Locust Gap, Locust Summit, and others, and displayed wonderful energy and enterprise in the development of the coal fields between Trevorton and Mount Carmel. As one of the first to appreciate their immense value he became largely interested in nearly all the best coal lands from Mount Carmel to Trevorton, and these were the basis of the several coal companies organized by him. He organized and partly built the railroad from Trevorton to the Susquehanna river, being the leading spirit in this undertaking, and laid out the town of Trevorton; he was a leading member of the company that purchased the Danville & Pottsville railroad at sheriff's sale, changed the name to the Philadelphia & Sunbury railroad, and organized the company that rebuilt the road and laid it with T rails; he was the leading spirit and president of the company that rehabilitated the line from Sunbury to Shamokin, built the extension from Shamokin to Mount Carmel and the branch to Locust Gap; he was a member of the company that laid out Mount Carmel, and was proprietor of the towns of West Shamokin, Helfenstein and Gowen City. While president of the Philadelphia & Sunbury road, and eager to carry the road through successfully, he risked a large part of his personal estate in the enterprise. Being far ahead of the times in which he lived, his hopes were not realized, and his coal estate and railroad interests were consequently sacrificed. He then united with his brother, Charles P., in the Helfenstein coal lands, and during their development laid out the towns of Helfenstein, 1868, opening a colliery there, Gowen City, and West Shamokin, from which enterprises he realized a handsome fortune.

Judge Helfenstein resided in Shamokin and Trevorton up to 1860 and then removed to Pottsville. In 1872 he removed from Pottsville to New York City and purchased a residence at Mott Haven, in the neighborhood of the metropolis. He subsequently became interested in silver and iron ore mines in the republic of Mexico, and spent the remaining years of his life between New York and Mexico. He died of Mexican fever at Durango, Mexico, in March, 1884, in the eighty-third year of his age, and his remains were interred in that distant land.

Originally a Democrat, the Judge in 1861 united with the Republican party and was ever afterward an ardent Republican. He was a member and vestryman of Trinity Episcopal Church while at Pottsville, Pa., and superintendent of their mission Sunday school at Fishback, Schuyl-

kill county, during his residence in Pottsville. Judge Helfenstein never married. Wherever he made his home he left a wide circle of the warmest admirers and friends, and his death was deeply mourned by all who knew him. The early impressions made upon his mind while studying for the ministry at Princeton influenced his whole after life, and his character was deeply imbued with the most sincere religious sentiments. He was a truly charitable man, and was a spontaneous and frequent contributor toward the support of religious and charitable objects. He was a fluent and logical speaker, and was well versed in the current literature of his day. His lecture on Mexico, its mineral resources, and its people and their habits and customs, delivered in Shamokin, Pottsville and other places, was an able historical address, highly spoken of by the local press, and still favorably remembered by his many friends throughout the coal region.

CHARLES P. HELFENSTEIN was born Sept. 12, 1819, in Carlisle, Pa., and spent most of his boyhood in that town. His family moved from there to Dayton, Ohio, whence he went to Yale College, graduating from there in 1841. He subsequently read law for two years in the office of his brother-in-law, Judge Benjamin Patton (subsequently of Trevorton), in Pittsburg. In the meantime his family had removed to Milwaukee, Wis., and he went to that place and entered the land office of his brother Albert. About 1850 he came to Northumberland county to assist his brother, Judge Helfenstein, in his Trevorton operations and in the development of his coal lands. While in Trevorton he had charge of the lumber interests of the companies which his brother had organized, and made the acquaintance of Jeremiah Perkins, who was in charge of the lumber interests of another of Judge Helfenstein's coal companies. Mr. Perkins was a native of New Hampshire, was one of the pioneers of Northumberland county, and resided for a number of years in Sunbury. In 1855 Charles P. Helfenstein married Caroline H., eldest daughter of Jeremiah Perkins, and settled in Shamokin, where he built himself a home in the belt of woods between the eastern and western portions of the village, as it then was. Having in the meantime purchased the interests of his brother and David McKnight, in the town of Shamokin and surrounding country, he engaged for several years in the real estate business, and was for several more years in the lumber business. He also turned his attention to the development of the Helfenstein coal lands, and, in connection with his brother Judge Helfenstein, laid out the towns of Helfenstein and West Shamokin. After disposing of most of his coal lands in 1872 he retired from active business. He resided in the home which he erected in 1855 until his death, which occurred Feb. 15, 1900, when he was in his eighty-

first year. He is buried in Shamokin cemetery. His widow still occupies the old home in Shamokin, her daughter and son-in-law, Rear Admiral Forsyth and wife, making their home with her. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Helfenstein: John P., attorney at law at Shamokin; William L., president of the First National Bank of Trevorton, also a resident of Shamokin; Elizabeth, wife of T. Pershing, of Philadelphia; and Carrie A., Mrs. Forsyth.

Mr. Helfenstein was actively interested in many of the institutions of his adopted home. He was a director of the Northumberland County Bank, vice president of the Shamokin Banking Company, a stockholder in the Shamokin Water Company, one of the incorporators and president of the Shamokin Gas Light Company, and one of the incorporators of the Shamokin Cemetery Company, as well as the first president of the institution. Although a member of the Reformed Episcopal Church, he was one of the leading spirits in the erection of the First Presbyterian Church of Shamokin and a liberal contributor to same. He was a Republican from the time of the Civil war, but never held any political office except that of chief burgess of Shamokin for two terms. He was one of the members of the committee of creditors of the Jay Cooke estate.

REAR ADMIRAL JAMES MCQUEEN FORSYTH, U. S. N., retired, has long been well known in Shamokin, where he has made his home since 1903. He was born Jan. 1, 1842, on Long Island, in the Bahamas, British West Indies, son of James and Catherine Ann (Taylor) Forsyth. His father was a planter and magistrate in the Bahamas, where he died in 1855. In September, 1853, James M. Forsyth came to the United States, spending the following few years in Philadelphia, where he was graduated from the Central high school in 1858. He went to sea as a sailor before the mast, serving as such from 1858 to 1861, when he entered the volunteer navy, with which he served during the Civil war. On Sept. 25, 1861, he was appointed acting master's mate. He took part in the capture of Forts Clark and Hatteras, Aug. 27, 1861, engagements under Farragut on the Mississippi, the engagement with the Rebel ram "Arkansas" and at Sumter, Moultrie and other fortifications in Charleston harbor. He was promoted to acting ensign, Sept. 5, 1862, and to acting master, Aug. 1, 1864. Entering a competitive examination for admission to the regular navy he passed as No. 23 of sixty-five admitted out of nine hundred competing; was made commanding master March 14, 1868; lieutenant, Dec. 18, 1868; lieutenant commander, May, 1878; commander, March, 1889; captain, March 3, 1899; and placed upon the retired list at his own request, Sept. 25, 1901, after forty years of service, with the rank of rear admiral. He commanded at various times

the U. S. S. "Tallapoosa," U. S. protected cruiser "Baltimore," U. S. armored cruiser "Brooklyn" and U. S. battleship "Indiana;" and was chief of the staff of Rear Admiral J. C. Watson, commanding the Philippine fleets, 1899-1900. Admiral Forsyth is six feet, four inches in height, and very erect, a typical officer of the naval service. He is a member of the order of the Loyal Legion, the Naval Order of the United States, the G. A. R., the Union League of Philadelphia and the United Service; and as a Mason he holds membership in Union Lodge, No. 121, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter; Shamokin Commandery; Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, at Bloomsburg, Pa.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. In 1873 the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by the Central high school at Philadelphia.

The Admiral's first marriage was to Mary J. M. Perkins, of Philadelphia, the ceremony taking place Aug. 1, 1871, and they had one son, James Perkins, born Aug. 20, 1878, now living at Concord, N. H.; he married Harriet Gilmore, and they have two children, Fores McQueen, born June 22, 1905, and James Huntington, born July 17, 1906. On Oct. 7, 1903, the Admiral married (second) Caroline A. Helfenstein, daughter of the late Charles P. Helfenstein, of Shamokin, Pa., and there he has since resided. He has made trips to Shamokin since 1873. From 1880 to 1885 his home was in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

CLARENCE G. VORIS, late of Milton, was for years one of the leading attorneys of Northumberland county, where he was in practice for over thirty years. His professional connections were of the highest and most honorable character, and his achievements and methods were of the kind that reflect credit on the legal fraternity, his own high standards making a permanent impression for good on such procedures generally.

Mr. Voris was born Jan. 29, 1851, in Danville, Montour county, son of Archibald Gray and Rebecca N. (Frick) Voris and grandson of James Voris. His father, born Nov. 14, 1817, in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, died at Danville in 1894. He was a contractor and builder by occupation, and in 1840 moved to Danville, where he followed that business to the end of his days, becoming one of the prominent citizens of that place. His wife, born in the borough of Northumberland Jan. 15, 1815, died at Danville Aug. 25, 1887. Five of their children grew to maturity: Elizabeth A. (now deceased), Mary, Clarence G., Louisa and John G. The parents were members of the Presbyterian Church, which Mr. Voris served as elder.

Clarence G. Voris was reared in Danville and there received his early education, attending the public schools and the academy. He then entered

Lafayette College, from which he was graduated in 1872, after which he read law with Silas M. Clark, who later served on the Supreme court bench. He furthered his preparation for the law at the Law School of Columbia University, New York City, and was admitted to the bar in Indiana county, this State, in the spring of 1876. In 1877 he opened an office at Sunbury, this county, was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county Oct. 3, 1877, and continued to practice at his original location until Jan. 1, 1887, when he removed to Milton. At the new location he formed a partnership with Col. John McCleery, under the firm name of McCleery & Voris, and the combination proved very effective, the firm receiving a large share of the best legal work in this section. The Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company was among their patrons, that institution retaining their services for many years. Mr. Voris continued in successful and lucrative practice until his death, which occurred at Philadelphia July 2, 1909. He is buried at Danville. In religious connection he was a Presbyterian. He was a Republican on political questions.

On March 28, 1888, Mr. Voris married Mary G. Bruner, daughter of Capt. Charles J. Bruner, late of Sunbury, a great-grandson of the noted Capt. John Brady. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Voris: Clarence Archibald, who is attending Haverford College, Haverford, Pa., and Charles William B., who is still a pupil in the public school. Mrs. Voris continues to make her home in Milton. Like her husband she is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

CAPT. CHARLES J. BRUNER (deceased), long a distinguished citizen of Sunbury, Northumberland county, was born there Nov. 17, 1820, son of Rev. Martin and Mary (Gray) Bruner, the former a native of Philadelphia, the latter of Sunbury. The father, a clergyman of the German Reformed Church, came to Sunbury when twenty-one years old, moved thence to Hagerstown, Md., and thence to Lancaster, Pa., where he died in 1852. The mother lived to the age of seventy-five years. Captain Bruner was descended in the maternal line from the celebrated Brady family, he having been a great-grandson of the noted Capt. John Brady.

Charles J. Bruner came to Sunbury to live in 1840. He received his literary education in Lancaster, and received a thorough training for the legal profession, studying law under Judge Alexander Jordan. He was admitted to the Northumberland county bar Jan. 3, 1843, and at once opened an office of his own in Sunbury. For some years in the earlier part of his professional career he was associated with Maj. William L. Dewart, latter practicing alone. He took a prominent part

in the Civil war, responding at the first call for troops as the leader of Company F, 11th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, organized as the Sunbury Guards, his command being the first detachment of troops to leave Northumberland county for service in the Civil war, April 20, 1861. He served about six months, during which time he took part in the battle of Falling Waters and was afterward in the emergency service for a short time, when after the disastrous second battle of Bull Run the Confederate army moved toward the North. In this service he was captain of Company D, 3d Regiment, which regiment was organized Sept. 11-13, 1862, and discharged Sept. 23-25, 1862.

Captain Bruner was appointed collector of internal revenue for the Fourteenth Pennsylvania district by General Grant, and served successively under Hayes and Arthur, holding the office fourteen years in all. He died March 15, 1885. Of his legal standing and reputation, we have excellent evidence in the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the bar held at Sunbury Monday March 30, 1885, for that purpose, which we quote:

The bar of Northumberland county, having convened to take recognition of the death, and to pay some seemly tribute to the character and memory of the late Charles J. Bruner, Esquire, whose relations as a member thereof have always been so honorable, but whose untimely decease it has been so suddenly and unexpectedly called to deplore, doth resolve,

First, That his spotless career as a lawyer while in active membership of this bar, his exemplary courage when in camp and field, while he served his country as a soldier in the early and trying days of the late Civil war, his enviable record for efficiency and integrity as an officer in the civil service of the Federal government during the fourteen years or more he held the important trust of collector of internal revenue for the Fourteenth district of Pennsylvania, and his fair promise of honorable achievement on his recent return to and renewal of active employment in his profession of the law, have made his name and character well worthy to be held in active memory, and render his fame well worthy of perpetuation among the historical records of our bar and his virtues and achievements in public and professional life well worthy of righteous emulation.

Second, That his learning, the high order of his natural abilities, his discriminating judgment and quickness of perception, and the noble virtues of his public and private life, have largely contributed to place him in high rank among the just and honorable of his profession.

Third, That by his genial manners, his amiable temper, his affectionate disposition, his generous impulses, as well by his unswerving fidelity in pure and disinterested friendship as by his kindly and beneficent influences in social and professional intercourse, he has won his way to the strongest feelings and best impulses of our hearts.

Fourth, That a committee of four members of the bar be appointed to convey to his family the assurance of our heartfelt sympathy with them in this sudden and great bereavement, and to commend them in the great depth of their sorrow to the strong staff tendered by him "who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," and fails not to remember the widow or the orphan,

but notes in tenderness of mercy even the fall of the sparrow.

Signed, W. A. SOBER,
G. W. ZEIGLER,
SAMUEL HECKERT,
P. L. HACKENBERG,
Committee.

Though Captain Bruner began life in humble circumstances, and accumulated whatever property he had through his own efforts, he left a fair competency, and, more than that, he had always been liberal in giving to those less fortunate than himself. His success never developed in him a greed for wealth or selfishness of any kind, his prosperity being to him a welcome opportunity to gratify the impulses of a naturally kind and generous disposition. He belonged to the Reformed Church and was a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. The G. A. R. post at Sunbury was named in honor of his brother William.

Captain Bruner was married June 3, 1852, in Sunbury, to Louisa Weiser, a direct descendant of Conrad Weiser, the noted Indian interpreter so prominent during the early settlement of the region around Shamokin, at what is now Sunbury. Six children were born to this union: Mary Gray, now the widow of Clarence G. Voris, of Milton; Elizabeth, who died when less than a year old; Louisa, who died when four and a half years old; Charles, who died when one and a half years old; William W., who died Dec. 7, 1901, in Sunbury, Pa.; and Franklin, who died when eight years old.

AMOS ELMAKER KAPP was one of the leading citizens of the borough of Northumberland for over fifty years. In his day he was undoubtedly one of the best known men in central Pennsylvania, particularly in the period preceding the advent of the railroad, when his connection with stage lines and canal packets, as a member of the firm of Kapp & Calder, gave him an unusually wide acquaintance. He was one of the most enterprising residents of the borough, being the organizer of the First National Bank, a director of the Northern Central Railroad Company, a member of the lumber firm of Kapp & Co., and in many ways identified with important interests of various kinds.

Mr. Kapp was born Aug. 27, 1809, in Harrisburg, Pa., son of Michael Kapp, one of the pioneers in the mercantile business at Harrisburg. Michael Kapp was born Aug. 1, 1770, in Schaefferstown, Lancaster Co., Pa., and died at Harrisburg July 1, 1830. He owned valuable property in Harrisburg, upon what is now the Square, and there did business until his death. He brought his goods from Philadelphia by team. Mr. Kapp married Mary Elmaker, who was born May 13, 1776, daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth (Baker) Elmaker, and died at Harrisburg Oct. 28, 1844. Two children were born to this union, Catharine and Amos E. The daughter, born Feb. 8, 1799,

was the first pupil to graduate from Linden Hall Seminary, at Lititz, Lancaster county. She never married, and was very well known in Harrisburg, where she remained at the old homestead until her death, Sept. 18, 1880.

Amos E. Kapp was born in Harrisburg in a building which stood in the northwest corner of Market square, adjoining the present "Bolton House." He spent his early years in his native city, which he left Dec. 30, 1832, for Northumberland, making the journey by stagecoach. He passed the remainder of his life there. Immediately after his arrival, on Jan. 1, 1833, he took charge of the stagecoach business there, becoming identified with the famous old line which carried passengers up and down the river. Forming a partnership with William Calder (?), under the name of Kapp & Calder, he built up a large business. They had two offices, one in Harrisburg and one in Northumberland, Mr. Calder looking after the Harrisburg office, and in addition to carrying passengers did an extensive business in hauling from Philadelphia to central Pennsylvania, having as many as one hundred horses, the best that could be obtained.

When Mr. Kapp came to Northumberland the stagecoach was the only means of transportation, and he and his partner not only ran stages but also packets on the canal, following this business until they were bought out by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. There were few men in this section who witnessed so much of its progress as Mr. Kapp, and there were few who had more to do with its opening up and advancement. He organized the First National Bank of Northumberland and served as its president; he was identified with the Northern Central Railroad Company for many years and served as one of its directors; he was active in the lumber business as president of Kapp & Co., and deeply interested in the agricultural development of his State, serving as president of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society.

Mr. Kapp purchased two hundred acres of valuable land in Point township, adjoining the borough of Northumberland, and there he made his home, dying on that place Sept. 22, 1887. It is a very fertile tract and under his management was kept in a high state of cultivation. He kept registered Jersey cattle, and in many other ways displayed his advanced ideas in agricultural lines. The original house on this farm known as Hummel's Inn was built in 1799 and repaired in 1852. The barn was built in 1851, and at the time of its erection was the largest barn in the State, being 100 by 50 feet in dimensions. Mr. Kapp retired from active life in 1875.

On Feb. 16, 1841, Mr. Kapp was married at Sunbury, by Rev. Mr. Fisher, to Margaret Wighington, who was born Dec. 10, 1818, in Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa., daughter of George and Catharine (Youngman) Wighington, and died

June 13, 1868. She was the mother of the following named children: Clara M., Amos E. (deceased), Horace E. (deceased), William C. (deceased), Maggie (living in New Jersey, widow of Samuel Trump; she has one daughter, Margaret), Laura (deceased in infancy), Helen, Mary E. (wife of Frank L. Sheppard, of New York City, general manager of the United Railroads of New Jersey), Bertha (who is married to P. Leisenring and has one son, Frank), Annie (living in New York City), Cameron (deceased).

Though over half a century elapsed from the time Mr. Kapp left Harrisburg until his death, it was his custom to visit his native city yearly on the anniversary of his departure and spend the day with his friend, William D. Boas, of Harrisburg, who had accompanied him to the coach when he set out to seek his fortune up the river. He was active and energetic to the close of his long life and interested in the events of the day, the social and political changes which had taken place during his mature years affording him much pleasure. He was present at the inauguration ceremonies of sixteen different governors of Pennsylvania, and as six of them served two terms each he attended twenty-two inaugurations—a record which few citizens of the State can equal.

The Misses Clara and Helen Kapp lived upon the home farm just outside of Northumberland until July 20, 1909, when they moved into the borough, having sold the old place to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the property being very desirable for yards, which were established there in that year. The station known as Kapp's, on the Pennsylvania road, was named for the family. The Misses Kapp are members of the D. A. R. and active and prominent in the social life of the borough, being very hospitable and noted entertainers.

FRAMPTON. The Framptons have been a prominent family in Pennsylvania, especially in the early days in Philadelphia, from Colonial times, and some of the descendants of William Frampton, a Friend who was a member of Penn's first Provincial council, are living in Northumberland county at this day. They are of English stock.

In Burke's "Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland" the Frampton family of England are spoken of as "Frampton of Moreton in 1355. John De Frampton was returned to serve in that year in Parliament for the borough of Dorchester in the County of Dorset. His son Walter De Frampton acquired the manor and estate of Moreton by marriage. It was entailed and is in the possession of the family still. There seems to be a William in almost every generation. Mr. James Frampton built the present house at Moreton in 1746 on the

site of the ancient mansion, also the church in 1776 on the site of the former church. He died in 1784 and was succeeded by his only son, the present James Frampton of Moreton. Col. James Frampton served as high sheriff for the County of Dorset in 1793." They have arms and a crest, the latter a greyhound; the motto is "Perseverando." The family seat is at Moreton in Dorsetshire.

John Frampton of England, born in 1581, was a merchant and a compatriot of John Hampden, Oliver Cromwell and other members of the Parliament which resisted the aggressions of Charles I., and founded the English Commonwealth. He was probably the grandfather of William Frampton, the ancestor of the American branch. In the Pennsylvania Archives, and in the Colonial Records, we find numerous references to his services and participation in important affairs. He was a brother-in-law of Robert Turner (a prominent member of Penn's council), with whom we frequently find his name associated in public service. His business was evidently that of merchant, as his name first appears in the Provincial records in the year 1683, as a merchant to whom certain bills (given) were due for merchandise; and among the proceedings attending a common council meeting March 1, 1683-84, from minutes of the common council, City of New York, 1675-1696, we find the following:

"Pursuant to an order from the Mayor and aldermen and common Council, bearing date the 23rd of Feb. 1683-4 appointing us underwritten as A Committee to make a list of all barques, sloopes, and open boates, Belonging to this Porte, and to inquire wt vessels are in Areare for their Dockage doe returne this underwritten as Our Report (233) and cannot understand what vessels are in Areare. 2 Sloopes—Francis Richardson, Wm. Frampton." Then follows a long list of other boats and owners.

In New York is also found a record, 27th day of 9th month, 1678, showing that William Frampton was present at the marriage of George Masters and Mary Willis. [Item found in Lennox Library, New York City.] At the Hall of Records, New York City, there are two deeds, both long documents, one from William Frampton to Alexander Farley, Lib. XIII, page 42; date of instrument Oct. 17, 1681; recorded May 16, 1684; place of residence, New York City; Merchant. The second is from "Wm. fframpton & Elizabeth his wife, Grantors, to Daniel Butts. Grantee. 13 Lib., 44th Page. Date of Instrument, May 15th, 1684. Recorded May 27th, 1684." This property was on Newe street, a short street two blocks long, extending from Wall street to Exchange place. The deed is dated thus: "15th day in the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Sovereign Lord Charles ye 2nd by the grace of God of Eng., Scot., France & Ireland, Defender of the faith."

William Frampton was a large landholder in Philadelphia county, as shown in the Pennsylvania Archives, where lists are preserved of the first purchasers of lots in Philadelphia. In a list of those purchasing lots of less than one thousand acres, "& placed in the back streets of the Front of Delaware, beginning with No. 5 at the South Side, and so proceed north as numbered in the Draught," we find the name of William Frampton as purchaser of No. 10. In a list of "Old Rights," consisting of the first purchases of land from William Penn, we find the following: Under "William Framton" the following quantities of land in Philadelphia county—"Return, 10 acres, 2nd of Oct., 1684"; Warrant, "500 acres, 13th day, 1st Mo., 1683"; Warrant, "Bank Lott, 2nd day of 6th Mo., 1684"; Warrant, "2 City Lotts, 17th day of 1st Mo., 1683"; Warrant, "City Lott, 17th day of 1st Mo., 1683." In Bucks county William Frampton had a warrant for 1,500 acres, 5th day of 5th Mo., 1686; and in Chester county "Wm. Frampton & ors" had an order for 289 acres, 3rd day of 6th Mo., 1686. Besides, it appears that William Frampton was the owner of land in Kent county, Del., and in Burlington, N. J. He died insolvent, however, in 1686, and it would seem that his death was premature, and somewhat sudden; had he lived longer he would probably not have been insolvent. In further confirmation of the theory that his death was rather sudden we have the record of his nuncupative will, "spoken before Samuel Spicer, Samuel Bulkley at Phila., 9th of 7th month, 1686, Proved 8th of 9th month, 1686, by said witnesses, Robert Turner having a knowledge of the matter. Release of interest by Elizabeth Frampton, acknowledged before Robert Turner, same date. Wm. Frampton, Robert Turner, Wm. Southby, Registers." With the copy of this nuncupative will there is on file the last will and testament of William Frampton made the same date and properly executed. There are three seals to the signature: (1) A Griffin head; (2) a head pierced by an arrow; (3) a lion passant. Wills proved at Philadelphia. [Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, Vol. I, No. 1, June, 1900; New York Library—Lennox.]

Philadelphia was laid out in 1682, and as previously noted William Frampton was a member of William Penn's first Provincial council, for the government of the Province of Pennsylvania (and the lower counties, now called Delaware), and he represented Kent county, Del., in that council. During the time he was a member of that body Penn was not in this country, Thomas Holmes acting as president of the council alternately with Thomas Lloyd, for a time, after which the latter presided altogether. From the time William Frampton became a member of the council he was invariably present, his name always appearing in the list of the seven or eight members comprising

that body and recorded as present. He was also one of the peace commissioners for the county of Philadelphia, and was one of the three persons who jointly filled the office of register general, and was keeper of the Great Seal. In the "Colonial Records, Vol. I," which contains the minutes of the Provincial council of Pennsylvania from March 10, 1683, the date of its first organization, to Nov. 27, 1700, we find the following items regarding William Frampton:

Page 82, record of meeting 12th of 7th Mo., 1683: Accounts and bills due to "Wm. Frampton" are given from seventy-eight persons. They are for tobacco, pork, Indian corn, wheat, etc., chiefly tobacco.

Page 94, record of meeting 20th of 2d Mo., 1683: "Wm. Frampton being sent for before this board, his petition was read, and it was Ordered that James Claypoole, Robt. Turner, Jno. Greene, Jno. Jones, and Wm. Frampton, or any two of them, to have the Keys & to take into Possession the estate in the hands of John Vanburson, and to Inspect his acts in psuance of the same, and to make a returne distinctly of said goods & acct's to this board."

Meeting 21st of 12th Mo., 1683: "James Claypool, Jno. Joanes, & Wm. Frampton made their return to this board Concerning the Estate of John VandBorsons."

"Whereupon James Claypool & Wm. Frampton were appointed to Inspect and make up acct's of John Vanborson, & to give an acct of it to this board when they make up the Cr. & Dr."

"Wm. Frampton makes a report of the reference of the Council covering estate of John Vanborson Lately deceased."

"The provll Council Ordered Wm. Frampton & Samll Carpenter of this town, Marchts, to administer on ye behalf of ye creditors and Heirs of Jno. Vanborson, & to make report of what they doe there in to this board."

Page 127, meeting 1st day of 2d Mo., 1685: Wm. Frampton appears for the first time as a member of the council. The minutes say: "Wm. Clark being attested deposeth that he saw ye returne of the Sherrieff of ye County of Kent for a member of Council, & he did read in the returne that Wm. Frampton was ye man Chose for the membr of Council."

"And it being put to the Question whether that was sufficient for him to Sit, past in the Affirmative."

"Wm. Frampton was this day attested to keep secresy."

"Ordered that Wm. Frampton, Phin. Pember-ton & John Cann doe draw up a Bill that all pay may be made in kind acc. to contract, also that they bring in the Distance of takeing up of Servants."

Meeting 4th day of 3d Mo., 1685: "Ordered that

Wm. Frampton draw a new Bill for the Size of Caske Exported, and also to be used within the Province" etc.

"Ordered that Jno. Symcock, Jno. Cann, Wm. Frampton & Phineas Pemberton be a Committee to draw up the former bills."

Page 133: "Richard Ingelo Cl. Concy Appointed for a Committee Jno. Symcock, Wm. Wood, Jno. Cann, Phi. Pemberton, Wm. Frampton & Tho. Holmes, to receive proposals from the Assembly."

The council was notified of the death of King Charles II.; council ordered that Richard Ingelo, clerk, read a "publication of King James the 2nd as King." This proclamation is given, and ends with the words: "AND SO GOD SAVE THE KING."

Page 141, meeting 28th of 3d Mo., 1785: In the list of members noted as present on this date, the same is printed "Wm. Frampton." Later it is sometimes written "frampton," "Framptone," and "fframpton."

Page 162, meeting 6th day of 9th Mo., 1685: "Ordered that James Claypool, Robt. Turner, Saml Carpenter, John Jones, Wm. frampton, Patrick Robinson, John Test, John Songhors be writt to desireing them to come forthwith to the Council, they having urgent business with them about the Subscriptions."

"The persons above mentioned all Came to ye Councill, where they Discoursed about ye subscriptions. Concluded amongst themselves to meet together in ye afternoon to Consult about methods how to proceed in order to discharge their Obligation and give in acc't thereof at next Sitting of ye Council."

"James Claypool, Wm. frampton," and seven others, were made "General Commission of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia."

Meeting 16th day of 9th Mo., 1685: Ordered that "ye Respective Indian Kings be sent for to the Council with all speed to answer their Complaint."

Page 163, meeting 17th day of 9th Mo., 1685: "The undertakers of ye subscription Came to ye Councill according to their promise ye Sixth Instt. and Presented their Report with a list of ye Subscribers and what Subscribed, ye whole amounting to 201,19,2 to wch Chris Taylor at ye board subscribed 6.00.00. The Councill Commended their Diligence and promised them their furtherence & Assistance therein."

Meeting 9th day of 11th Mo., 1685: A new Commission for Kent County was appointed, as the old would not serve, inserting the names of "Wm. Southersby, Wm. frampton" etc. in the list.

Meeting 1st day of 12th Mo., 1685: The Justices for the County of Philadelphia appeared, consisting of "Wm. frampton," James Claypool and others. "Wm. frampton's petition was read requesting Removall of ye Caves before his Door,

he being about building a Wharfe. It was Granted, & a fortnights time given for ye Removall of ye Goods out of ye Caves."

Meeting 5th day of 5th Mo., 1686: "Ordered that Robt. Turner, Wm. frampton, & Wm. Southersby take charge of ye office of Register Genll, in as full and ample a manner as Christop Taylor had in his Life Time."

Meeting 6th day of 5th Mo., 1686: "Commission impowring Robt. Turner, Wm. Frampton, & Wm. Southersby to manage ye Register Genll office of this Province & Territories, New Castle only excepted, was this day signed."

Page 176, meeting 1st day of 3d Mo., 1686: "Robt. Turner & Wm. frampton were attested as Justices of ye Peace for the Towne and County of Philadelphia, they having had a Commission Lately made."

Page 178, meeting 11th day of 3d Mo., 1686: "Councill Ordered John Symcock & Wm. frampton to go with ye promulgated bills to ye Assembly."

"Wm frampton having urgent business had leave for this day's absence."

Page 179, meeting 12th day of 3d Mo., 1686: "The petition of ye frenchmen sent over by — Bellases was Read Complayning agt Bellases agents for not performing ye Contract between Bellases & ye frenchmen: it was Ordered yt Arth Cook John Symcock Robt. Turner Wm frampton should Examine and Redress the same with all Expedition."

Pages 189-190: On the 3d day of the 7th Month, 1686, council, after a morning session in the usual place, adjourned for an afternoon session "at Robt Turner's house" "he being sick." "Wm frampton" is recorded as being present at both sessions, this being his last recorded attendance (evidently being ill).

Page 195, "At a meeting of Councill in the Council House ye 18th 9th Mo. 1686, P. M.": "The Commission upon ye Death of Wm frampton one of ye persons Commissioned for ye management of ye Registry office etc., it was unanimously [word missing?] that ye Genll Registry be proposed to the acceptation of James Claypoole Senr having lately Requested ye same; Upon his consent thereunto, a Commission be Drawne to Impowre him to act therein During ye Govrs Pleasure."

Meeting 30th day of the 1st Mo. 1687, P. M.: "Returne of Kent County send returning Griffith Jones to serve in Provll Councill the Remaining part of the time Wm Frampton Deceased was to have served; signed ye Obligation & took his place in ye Council."

The Friends' records referring to William Frampton show that he was present at a monthly meeting in Philadelphia 4th Mo., 3d, 1684, when he was appointed with others to have charge of

building a meeting-house for the accommodation of Friends. 8th Mo., 7th, 1684, he was appointed with another to take the account of what is collected for poor Friends and give information to next meeting. 12th Mo. 3d, Friends belonging to the meeting were desired to meet at William Frampton's house "to consider what to do in relation to poor Friends." 12th Mo., 9th: It is agreed that subscriptions for the poor be paid to Wm. Frampton, "who is to pay it to whom the meeting shall order." He was also appointed with others to assist the poor in providing work for them, etc. 3d Mo., 4th, 1685: William Frampton "acquainting the meeting that he is going to divide his house and desires Friends that some other place be considered and provided against the Quarterly Meeting he and others were appointed to provide such a place etc." He is also appointed at this meeting to prepare a certificate for certain Friends who were about to remove out of the Province. He is also desired "to speak to poor Friends that are like to be in want and that they advise them the properest way for the getting of a livelihood." 2d Mo., 5th, 1686, he is named with another to see about the money rights of a certain child: 3d Mo., 3d, appointed on a certain property matter; 4th Mo., 7th, he is desired to pay out certain money belonging to the Meeting. This entry of 4th Mo., 7th, 1686, is the last one relating directly to him, and it appears that he must have died soon afterward, for in the Monthly Meeting held 7th Mo., 24th, 1686, the following minute was made: A. B. "is appointed by Friends to go to the widow Frampton and get those books that belong to this meeting, which her husband had in his custody." Elizabeth Frampton is mentioned as having been appointed on certain matters of business in the meeting on the meetings held 12th Mo., 25th, 1686, 1st Mo., 25th, 1687, 3d Mo., 29th, 1687, and 3d Mo., 27th, 1687.

In William Penn's "Further Account" of the Province of Pennsylvania, published in 1685, he mentions the fact that he has built a brick house to "encourage others and that from building in wood." He adds: "many have brick houses now going up with good cellars." He enumerates houses built by Arthur Cook, William Frampton, John Wheeler, and others, on Front street chiefly. He says: "All these houses have balconies."

The "History of Philadelphia County" says: "Robert Turner's brick house on Front and Arch Streets was built in 1685." The history says further: "Bristol Township adjoined Bucks Co. having Tacony Creek on the east, and Germantown south and west of it. The lands in this township were taken up by such men as Samuel Carpenter, Richard Townshend, William Frampton, Samuel Benezet, Griffith Jones, etc."

William Frampton married Elizabeth, sister of Mary, wife of Philip Richards, but as we find no

record of his marriage it was presumably lost or destroyed, as he was too prominent a man for the record not to have been made. His widow remarried, as in the meeting held 8th Mo., 26th, 1688, Richard Basnet or Bassnett and Elizabeth Frampton declared their intentions of marriage. Elizabeth was desired "to make what reasonable provision she could for her children before the next monthly meeting." 9th Mo., 13th, the Friends finding nothing to obstruct their marriage set them at liberty to accomplish it "according to the good order of Truth." No record appears to have been preserved of their marriage certificate, though there is the following record: "At the Philadelphia monthly meeting, Elizabeth Frampton to Richard Bassnett, 9th Mo., 30th, 1688." [There must be another record.]

Thomas Frampton, son of William, married an Ellis, first name unknown, who was probably the daughter of Thomas Ellis of Burlington, N. J. They had three children: John, Hannah (who married David Price) and another child, name unknown. [The death of a Thomas Frampton, 10th Mo., 27th, 1726, is mentioned among the Friends' records.]

John Frampton, son of Thomas, lived and died in Cumberland county, Pa., in Derry township, near the town of Carlisle, which was then little more than a trading post. He owned a farm. He married a Critchfield, first name unknown, and they had sons: William, John, Samuel, Nathaniel and Arthur, who have numerous descendants in various parts of the country. One of Nathaniel's descendants became a Mormon. John, Arthur and Samuel served in the Revolutionary war, as members of the "Cumberland County Rangers."

William Frampton, son of John, was a very successful and wealthy farmer of Mifflin county, Pa., living near what is now Lewiston. He married a Staley, and died in 1829, in Clarion county, when over eighty years old, and is buried near Churchville, in that county. Previous to his time the family had all been Quakers, but he became a Baptist, and all his numerous descendants have clung to that faith. He had an only son, David, and several daughters, whose descendants are numerous.

David Frampton, son of William, born near Lewistown, Pa., removed to a farm near Reidsburg, Clarion Co., Pa. He married Hannah Lobach, who was of Holland-Dutch lineage, and they had sons Samuel, William, Abraham, Jonathan, David and Reid, and a number of daughters.

Samuel Frampton, son of David, born in 1810, died in 1887. He was a well-to-do farmer residing near Clarion, Pa. He married Eveline Reynolds, granddaughter of a Revolutionary soldier, and of Scotch and English descent. They had children: Richard: Thomas: Byron Hays: and several daughters, one of whom, Ida, is the wife of

J. S. Wrightnour, D. D., a graduate of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Byron Hays Frampton, of Clarion, Pa., youngest son of Samuel, married Nellie Mohny, and they became the parents of three children: James Villiard (who was a student at Bucknell University), Samuel and Romaine.

JOSEPH DEPPEN, though one of the oldest citizens of Mount Carmel, is still one of the most prominent business men in that borough, and is probably one of the best known men in Northumberland county. As proprietor for a number of years of the "Deppen House" of Mount Carmel, he came in contact with many citizens of the locality in his earlier days, and at one time he owned most of the ground now included in the borough limits. He was the organizer of the Mount Carmel Savings Bank and has been engaged in the real estate business for many years.

Mr. Deppen was born Dec. 2, 1837, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, near Greenbrier. His parents, Abraham and Mary (Snyder) Deppen, had a family of six children, four of whom are living: Louise, who married Dr. Reuben Muth; George, born in 1836, at Locust Gap, this county, who married Mary Mertz (he lives in Herndon, Jackson township); Joseph; and Alexander. In 1844 the parents took their family out to Wayne county, Ohio, making the journey by wagon. The trip was a remarkable one, always remembered with interest by all the family. They took up farm land, but not finding conditions favorable returned to Pennsylvania in 1846 and located at County Line, Lower Mahanoy Township, Northumberland county. In the spring of 1848 Abraham Deppen bought land at Greenbrier where he followed farming and tanning, selling this place in 1851 and locating at Mahanoy, now Red Cross, near Herndon. In the fall of 1852 he purchased the well known island opposite Herndon, where the family lived for a period of fourteen years. It was during this time that the bridge was built connecting the island with the shore at Herndon, and Joseph Deppen was the first to drive a horse over the bridge. It was torn down about 1875. During the time the Deppen family lived on the island occurred the disastrous flood of 1865. From March 17th to March 21st the island was all under water and the Deppen family had to live in the barn for a week, during which the floating sawlogs entered the second-story windows of the dwelling house. The flood was one of the worst which have visited this district and the Deppens lost nearly all their possessions. In 1866 they moved to Herndon and rented the island. Abraham Deppen died Aug. 13, 1899, his wife Nov. 5, 1868.

Joseph Deppen attended an old pay school typical of the times. It was located in Dauphin coun-

ty, near the Northumberland county line, and was held in the building of a gristmill. The grinding of grain and the grinding of an education occurred at one and the same time. The seats or benches were arranged in a circle around the teacher, each pupil with his or her back towards the instructor. When the family moved from near Greenbrier and located near Herndon the old Trevorton railroad was in process of construction, and he found employment on the job. After attaining his majority he was in the droving business for three years, and in the mercantile business at Herndon for two years. From 1867 to 1869 he was in business with his brother George at Herndon, Pa., in April, 1869, locating in Mount Carmel, with which place he has since been identified. For fifteen years after settling here he was engaged in conducting the "Deppen House," now known as the "Commercial," and after abandoning that line of business was devoted principally to real estate. He at one time owned most of the ground on which Mount Carmel is situated, and he sold his property off in lots, making a success of his transactions, which have covered many years. In 1872 he organized the Mount Carmel Savings Bank, which began business at his hotel April 9, 1872; Amos Vastine was president of this institution. Upon the expiration of the bank's charter the stockholders discontinued business and a new institution, now known as the Union National Bank, was formed.

Mr. Deppen was not only prominent in business but also in the public life of the borough, which he served as treasurer, as treasurer of the council, and as school director. In all his relations with his fellow men he gave evidence of public spirit and an intelligent insight into local needs which made him a valuable public servant.

On Sept. 7, 1867, Mr. Deppen married Eva Elizabeth Hoffman, daughter of Jacob and Eva Elizabeth (Weiser) Hoffman, of Jordan township, Northumberland county. Mrs. Deppen died June 17, 1896, and is buried at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jackson township. She was a lifelong member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which Mr. Deppen and their children joined Nov. 2, 1890. He is a Democrat in political faith. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Deppen: (1) Lizzie E. is at home. (2) Mary Ada married Dr. F. D. Raker, of Shamokin, who was at one time treasurer of Northumberland county, and they had four children, Conrad Joseph Moses, Ralph Edward, Susan Eva and Alma Elizabeth. Mrs. Raker died May 8, 1898. (3) Joseph Henry is mentioned below. (4) Gertrude Jane is at home. Mr. Deppen resides with his daughters at Nos. 109-111 South Chestnut street.

JOSEPH HENRY DEPPEN, son of Joseph Deppen, was born Dec. 10, 1874, at Mount Carmel, and there received his preparatory education. He graduated from the high school in 1893, and subsequently

attended the business college at Shamokin, graduating in 1894. For two years he was secretary for Judge Voris Auten, in 1896 entering Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, Pa., graduating in 1900, with the degree of Sc. B. Thereafter he studied law in the office of Judge Auten, and was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county Dec. 29, 1902. He has since been engaged in practice in Mount Carmel, his office being at No. 32 North Oak street. Mr. Deppen has won high standing at the bar as a lawyer of thorough training and reliable intelligence. He has established an excellent practice, which is being steadily augmented by reason of his conscientious attention to all the work intrusted to him. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. At the present time he is treasurer of the Mount Carmel school district and is now completing the last year of his third term as school director.

TRUMAN HARVEY PURDY was born June 26, 1830, in the village of Purdytown, Wayne Co., Pa., and died April 4, 1898, in Sunbury, of which place he had been a citizen for thirty-six years. The measure of his influence upon that community and upon the various other communities with which his interests were linked cannot, however, be expressed in a simple statement of time. One whose versatile abilities brought him into contact with many phases of the progressive period in which he lived, whose diversity of talents made him known to almost every class, he had a well-rounded career—a life unusually well spent and lived close to high ideals. His professional work as journalist, lawyer and writer won him high reputation and popularity and gained wide recognition of his mental attainments; in the years of his early manhood he was a successful political leader; throughout his mature life he displayed rare business qualities, his accomplishments in the way of industrial development showing a degree of foresight and executive faculties of surpassing strength. He prospered in his business operations, which were not confined to Sunbury, his interests in Sunbury being extensive and important to the evolution of that place into a modern, progressive city; and in association with J. B. Ewing he founded the town of Steelton, Dauphin county, where he retained large interests.

Mr. Purdy was a son of Harvey and Ruth (Clark) Purdy, both natives of Pennsylvania, born, respectively, in Wayne and Lackawanna counties. They traced their ancestry in this country back to Colonial days. The father died Nov. 9, 1847, aged forty-six years, the mother Dec. 31, 1852, at the age of forty-eight. They had a family of four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: Drusilla, Myron E., Truman Harvey and Dr. Nathaniel C., the last named of Allenwood, Pennsylvania.

Truman H. Purdy spent his youth at Lewisburg, Union county, and there received his early education, also attending Madison Academy at Factoryville. He took the collegiate course at Lewisburg University. Leaving that institution about 1858, he was for the next three years engaged in newspaper work at that place, having established the *Union Argus*, a weekly Democratic paper, which he edited until induced to move to Sunbury in 1861. In the stormy days preceding the outbreak of the Civil war when party lines meant much, the need of a Democratic newspaper was felt at Sunbury, and selling out his interests at Lewisburg Mr. Purdy founded the *Northumberland County Democrat*, with which he was associated, as editor and proprietor, until the winter of 1866-67, meantime publishing also the *German Democrat*, which went out of existence upon his retirement. At the time of his death the following paragraph appeared in the *Democrat*, which is still one of the leading newspapers of this section: "On this page is announced the death of Hon. T. H. Purdy, of Sunbury. He was the founder of this paper. He was a Democrat of Democrats, and never wavered in support of the principles of his party. During the war he suffered for opinion's sake, but he was as unbending as the sturdy oak. He died as he lived, true to himself, his family and friends and all humanity. We deeply mourn the death of our friend and benefactor." Such was the opinion his successors were able to voice after a lapse of over thirty years, when time had shown the wisdom and integrity of his conduct of that paper in its early days. Under his management the paper grew in circulation from three hundred to thirty-five hundred. Reference was made to the staunchness of his Democracy. Always a zealous worker in the councils of his party as an organizer or in meeting during the period of his active association therewith, he was a forceful influence in its local triumphs. In 1862 he made sixty-five speeches, and at the election that year the party had one thousand majority as against sixty-four in 1861. He was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature twice, serving in 1864-65 and 1865-66, but thereafter bore no working part in political affairs.

Throughout his career as a newspaper man Mr. Purdy had been engaged in the study of law, which he began before establishing the *Argus*. He studied at Lewisburg under Judge Bucher, and continued his studies at Sunbury under Alexander Jordan, being admitted to practice in 1866. When he disposed of the *Northumberland County Democrat* in the winter of 1866-67 it was to have all his time for the practice of law, in which he was most successful. In 1881 he was the choice of the Democrats of the county for president judge, but "was defeated for the nomination by the sheer overconfidence of his friends."

From the early sixties to the close of his life he was prominent in the development of industrial enterprises of various kinds, a field in which his executive ability had ample scope. He was not afraid to trust to his foresight in real estate investments, and thus in 1863 he purchased much of the land upon which what is now East Sunbury is located, reserving a piece of about two and a half acres, upon an elevation overlooking the town, for the site of his own residence. He built several houses there at a time when there were only one or two other buildings on all the ground which now forms about a fourth of the entire greater Sunbury. His own palatial home, built some twenty years before his death, was sold to the Mary M. Packer hospital organization at the time the latter body was formed.

In 1876, in association with J. B. Ewing, Mr. Purdy purchased many acres of land adjoining the growing town of Steelton, a venture which proved highly profitable. A few years later he started an addition to Lewisburg, when he built the nail and forge works and a furniture factory, being president of the Lewisburg Furniture & Planing Mill Company, treasurer of the Lewisburg Nail Works and a director of the Lewisburg Steam Forge. He was the organizer and for many years manager and treasurer of the Sunbury Gas Company. Public improvements of all kinds, those changes necessary to keep a community abreast of the material progress of the day, always received his encouragement and support, but he was particularly favorable to projects affecting the advancement of public education, and the establishment of the high school at East Sunbury was due principally to his influence.

Mr. Purdy had literary gifts of a high order, and though a busy man never neglected his intellectual pursuits, in which he found his keenest pleasure. His historical oration, "Sunbury," delivered at the centennial celebration July 4, 1872, "a delicious bit of local history, colored with the master hand of one who dearly loved his subject," was published in pamphlet form and widely read. It is "a most interesting and exhaustive pen picture of the town's history from the time it contained but a few cabins up to the time of the centennial. It was the only authentic history of Sunbury ever prepared and delivered." His "Legends of the Susquehanna" is rich in charming verse, in which the lore and the legends of the Indian inhabitants of the region are beautifully told; another work, "Doubter," a long poem, a religious argument of great depth, was also published in book form, but is now out of print. At the time of his death he had in preparation a novel, which never reached the press.

Though gentle in disposition, and tolerant of the opinions of others, Mr. Purdy was noted for his unyielding defense and advocacy of what he

believed to be right, and he had the courage of his convictions on any question. This trait was especially noticeable during the Civil war period. His greatest political activity was at a time when party differences often came between the best of friends, and though he himself was unswerving in his allegiance to the standards of his party, men who had been his strongest political opponents became his warmest personal friends and admirers. His true nature appealed to intelligent men of all minds. This characteristic marked his relations with his fellow men throughout life, and his support was often solicited when an able and influential champion was needed. It is seldom that traits conducive to success in so many lines are combined in one man, or that talents so diversified are so well employed. His name will be revered in many circles for years to come. Mr. Purdy is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery.

On Dec. 19, 1861, at Lewisburg, Mr. Purdy married Mary E. James, daughter of the late Dr. Robert E. James and sister of Robert E. James, the latter of Easton, Pa. Her father was a native of Bucks county, Pa., and lived at Centerville, Northampton county, where he died. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Purdy: (1) Robert Harvey died in infancy. (2) Carrie M. is engaged in missionary work under the auspices of the Methodist Church, having since 1895 been located at Pueblo, Mexico, where she has charge of 430 girls. (3) Truman J. received his early education in the public and select schools of Sunbury, graduated from Bucknell University, Lewisburg, and after a course of law study was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county, where he is now engaged in legal practice. He has been particularly successful as a counselor in corporation law, and holds rank among the leading junior practitioners at the Northumberland county bar. (4) Hiram L., who lives with his mother at Sunbury, received his early education in the public schools of that borough and was graduated from Bucknell University. He is a civil engineer by profession and one of Sunbury's enterprising young business men.

VAN ALLEN. The Van Alens have played so important a part in the prosperity of the borough of Northumberland for the past forty years and more that no mention of its industries would be complete without the record of their achievements. Throughout this period their establishment has been one of the mainstays of the place, for in times of financial depression it has been kept running for the benefit of employees when other plants closed rather than operate at a loss. At present about one hundred and fifty men find profitable employment with the Van Allen Company.

The first of the Van Alens in America emigrated to this country from Holland, settling in Co-

Columbia county, N. Y. There was born his son Gilbert, who followed agricultural pursuits all his life. The latter married Annis Moore, of Columbia county, and they had two children, Reuben and Catherine. The daughter married John J. Van Volkenburg, a farmer and merchant of Columbia county.

Reuben Van Alen, son of Gilbert, followed farming and merchandising at Chatham Center, Columbia county, N. Y., for a number of years. In 1827 he moved to Salisbury Mills, Orange Co., N. Y., where he engaged in the manufacture of paper, continuing in that line for many years. He was a man of intelligence and superior business ability. The closing years of his life, after his retirement from business, were spent with his son Timothy at Danville, Pa., where he died. He married Mary Oakley, daughter of Timothy and Sallie Oakley, and they became the parents of three sons and one daughter, Gilbert R., Timothy O., Sallie O. (who died at the age of thirteen years) and Lewis O.

Timothy O. Van Alen was born in Chatham Center, Columbia Co., N. Y., Aug. 19, 1819, and there passed his early years. He was ten years old, in 1829, when his father employed a private teacher for him, for two years, and at the age of twelve he entered the academy at Kinderhook, Columbia county, N. Y., where he studied for two years, during that period residing with the family of Dr. Henry Van Dyke. Subsequently he returned to Orange county, N. Y., where he attended the school of Nathan Stark, at Goshen, one year. At the age of fifteen he went to New York City, where he served as apprentice in a hardware store until 1839. Returning home, he engaged in the manufacture of paper and agricultural implements and in the mercantile business with his father, continuing thus for five years.

In 1844 he went to Danville, Montour Co., Pa., to represent the Murdock, Leavitt Company in the Montour Iron Works, acting as resident agent of that company. The same year he built at Danville what was afterward known as the "company store," and in 1846 engaged in the mercantile business in association with individual stockholders of the company, under the firm name of T. O. Van Alen & Co. In 1866, in company with George M. Leslie and A. H. Voris, Mr. Van Alen built a nail factory at Northumberland, Northumberland county, establishing a business which has since been one of the features of the industrial life of the place. At the time it was opened the mill contained five puddling furnaces, one coal heating furnace, and fifteen nail machines. In 1872 Mr. Van Alen purchased the interest of Mr. Voris, and in 1886 that of Mr. Leslie. He then enlarged the plant, putting in five more puddling furnaces, one thirty-ton Smith's gas heating furnace and thirty-eight more nail machines, bring-

ing the annual capacity up to one hundred and fifty thousand kegs of cut iron and steel nails.

In 1891, upon the death of Mr. Timothy O. Van Alen, his five sons took the business, which they continued until the plant was destroyed by fire in 1894. In that year three of the brothers, Cornelius G., Gilbert R. and Edmund G., with William B. Wayles purchased the mill property of Taggarts & Howell, and rebuilt the mill, opening it for business in May, 1895. That year the Van Alen Company purchased the plant of the Keystone Forge Company, located at Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pa., and moved it to Northumberland; this plant is now owned by the members of the Van Alen Company, Isaac Cornwall and J. D. Weekes. In 1908 the Van Alen Company devoted the entire mill to forge work and the manufacture of nail products, in which they give employment to about one hundred and fifty men. This establishment has been one of the thriving interests of Northumberland throughout its existence, bringing prosperity to owners and employees alike.

Mr. Timothy O. Van Alen always took an active interest in his home town, Danville, of which he was one of the foremost citizens for many years. He kept his business in operation through periods of financial depression as well as in prosperous times, and the appreciation of his generous policy was shown in the high esteem in which his fellow-citizens of all classes held him. For many years he was a director of the First National Bank of Danville, and he served many years as a trustee of the State Hospital for the Insane at that place. He was a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, and acted as president of the board of trustees for a number of years.

In 1846 Mr. Van Alen married Miss Anne Catherine Garretson, daughter of Cornelius Garretson, an ironmaster of Shippensburg, Pa., and their union was blessed with eight children: Cornelius G., Gilbert R. (deceased in infancy), Gilbert R. (2), Alexander Oakley (born 1850, died 1893), Edmund G. (deceased in infancy), Edmund G. (2), Mary A. (died young) and George L. Of these Edmund G. married Margaret Bibby.

Cornelius G. Van Alen, born Sept. 25, 1846, is vice-president of the First National Bank of Danville, and has served as a member of the borough council. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He married Marion Beveridge, of Newburgh, N. Y., and to them were born seven children, Thomas B. (deceased), Marion B. (married J. D. Weekes and has two children, Rachel and Marion), Catherine B. (married John E. Van Devender), Henrietta (deceased), James S. (married May Peters and has one child, Charles), Gilbert B. and George L. The mother of this family died, and Mr. Van Alen has since married the widow of his brother Alexander O. Van Alen.

GILBERT R. VAN ALLEN was born Sept. 10, 1848, in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., son of Timothy O. Van Allen. He married Frances Withington, daughter of M. J. D. and Elizabeth G. (Forsythe) Withington, and they are the parents of two children, Timothy O. and Helen W. Mr. Van Allen was the first eminent commander of Mount Hermon Commandery, Knights Templar, of Sunbury, Northumberland county.

JOHN FREDERICK SCHAFFER, of Sunbury, is considered one of the foremost legal practitioners of his section of Northumberland county, where as borough solicitor for Sunbury from 1899 to 1907, and since in the capacity of corporation lawyer, he has taken part in some of the most important litigation of recent years. His success in a number of involved and notable cases has gained him high reputation and enviable standing. Mr. Schaffer was born in Sunbury Sept. 20, 1867, son of John F. and Sarah A. (Houghton) Schaffer, and is a great-grandson of Jacob Schaffer. The family name is now frequently spelled Shafer.

Jacob Schaffer was born at a small town called Soffensburg, on the border line of Germany and Switzerland, about three miles from the city of Basel. His father was in the silk business in Soffensburg, where he lived and died. His children, besides Jacob, were Frederick and Hans (John), neither of whom came to America. Frederick fought under Napoleon, serving as one of his bodyguard, was taken prisoner, and died on the island of Corsica. The other brother, Hans, lived at Soffensburg and corresponded with his brother Jacob after the latter settled in America, his letters being now in the possession of his great-niece, Catherine Rowland. Jacob Schaffer also fought in Napoleon's army, for seven years, leaving the army after receiving a serious wound in the chest. He was married in Germany to Catherine D. Fossinger, who was born May 8, 1771, at Frankfort, and they came to this country in 1801 with one daughter, Catherine, who died when two years old, shortly after their arrival here. They settled in Reading, Pa. The other children of this couple, all born in this country, were: Samuel, born in Reading in 1805, who died Nov. 14, 1891, at the age of eighty-six years, and was buried in the Charles Evans cemetery in Reading (he served in the Civil war, being one of the oldest soldiers who enlisted in the Union service, and was a corporal in Company H, 31st Regiment, State Militia); John, the grandfather of the present John F. Schaffer; Frederick, who died young; and Anna, who married Levi Wunder and died in Reading.

John Schaffer, son of Jacob, was born in Reading and early in life learned the trade of tailor, which he followed in that city all his life, becoming very well known in that connection. He died

in Reading about 1859. Mr. Schaffer was quite active in the Democratic party in his day, giving of his time and means to help desirable men to local positions, and he was a leading member of and worker in the Reformed Church, serving as superintendent of the Sunday school. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Louisa Winckler, had a family of four children: John F.; Francis, who died young; Catherine E., who married Daniel W. Rowland (she is the only one of her generation now living, and supplied the information concerning the early generations used in this article; she lives in Reading); and Anna L., who died young.

John F. Schaffer was born Aug. 3, 1834, in Reading, and there in his youth learned the tailor's trade under his father's instruction. In 1855 he located at Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., where he followed merchant tailoring until 1864, and then returning to Reading remained there until his removal to Sunbury, in the spring of 1865. There he was in business until his death, which occurred Aug. 3, 1878, and he is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. He prospered well in his work, giving employment to a number of people, and was also an artist of more than ordinary ability. About 1852 he was married at Lewisburg to Sarah A. Houghton, daughter of James Houghton, of Lewisburg, and they became the parents of four children, namely: Anna M., who is unmarried; Irma H., born in 1862, who died in 1866; John Frederick; and Helen L., born in 1872, who died in 1892.

John Frederick Schaffer grew to manhood in Sunbury and received his education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1884. He then became a clerk in the office of the register, recorder and clerk of the Orphans' Court, at Sunbury, under George D. Bucher, and also served under his successor, Urias Bloom, until August, 1887. That year he went West, spending about three years in California, Colorado and Arizona. For a short time he was employed in the office of an abstract and title company at Los Angeles, later finding employment as cashier with Fred Harvey, the celebrated proprietor of a chain of restaurants from Kansas City to San Bernardino, Cal., for whom he worked at four different points, San Bernardino, Cal., Williams, Ariz., Needles, Cal., and La Junta, Colo. Before going West Mr. Schaffer had passed the preliminary examination, and on his return to Sunbury, in May, 1890, he took up the reading of law under Hon. John B. Packer, a distinguished practitioner of that borough. Mr. Packer dying in 1891, he completed his studies under George B. Reimensnyder, a prominent lawyer of Sunbury, finishing the course in January, 1894. He was admitted to the bar in December of that year. Meantime Mr. Schaffer had entered the office of the prothonotary, S. P.

Fausold, under whom he served three years as chief clerk. After his admission to the bar he remained in the office of his preceptor for a year and a half, in May, 1896, opening an office of his own in the Masser building, where he has since been located. From 1899 to 1907 Mr. Schaffer was solicitor for the borough of Sunbury, and as such successfully defended a number of suits for the municipality. He is now the legal representative of the Sunbury & Northumberland Electric Railway Company and the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Sunbury, which has the first plant installed by Mr. Edison personally, he having superintended its construction, the installation of all machinery, etc. As the attorney for the Sunbury & Northumberland Electric Railway Company Mr. Schaffer's most important work was in connection with the injunction suits instituted against the corporation by Guy Webster, acting for the Sunbury & Selinsgrove Electric Railway Company and the borough of Sunbury. In both instances the Sunbury & Northumberland Company scored a complete victory. After failing in the injunction suits the prosecutors made application to the attorney general for a *quo warranto* proceeding in the Dauphin county courts, but the matter was never brought to an issue. It was largely through Mr. Schaffer's efforts as attorney for the Sunbury & Northumberland Company that the bridge over the north branch of the Susquehanna river, between Sunbury and Packer's Island, was constructed, in 1910. He is a valued counselor and an authority whose opinion commands general respect.

On June 20, 1906, Mr. Schaffer married Gertrude Lindsay Gervin, daughter of Charles and Jane M. (Brown) Gervin, late of Northumberland, and they have had one daughter, Helen Josephine. Mr. Schaffer is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Politically he is a Democrat, but he takes no active part in the work of the party.

CHARLES C. LEADER, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, is connected with so many business interests in that city, of private and public importance, that his name is synonymous with all that represents its progress and well-being. As merchant and banker he has been a leader in the business life of the city for years. As promoter, stockholder and officer of important financial institutions his name and reputation have given the confidence needed by such concerns at the outset of their career and they in turn have benefited the community and increased its possibilities of expansion and sound development.

Mr. Leader was born July 13, 1843, in Alsace township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Edward Leader, and grandson of George Leader, both of whom were natives of Montgomery county, this State. The grandfather removed to Reading, Berks Co., Pa., where he resided until the time of his death.

Edward Leader, father of Charles C. Leader, was a farmer by occupation. He died in 1859 in Alsace township, Berks county, at the age of forty-five years, and he is buried at Alsace Church. He was twice married, his first wife being Catherine Snyder, his second Hettie Wanner.

Charles C. Leader was reared on his father's farm in Berks county, and there received his education in the local schools, having also the advantages of one year's study at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., before he commenced work. In 1860 he became a clerk in the general store of A. J. Medler, in Schuylkill Haven, where he was employed for about three years, at the end of that time removing with his employer to Pottsville, Pa., where he continued with him as clerk for three years more. Returning to Schuylkill Haven in 1865, he opened a store of his own, carrying a stock of general merchandise, and remained there ten years, doing remarkably well. However, feeling that he had exhausted the possibilities in that line at Schuylkill Haven, he resolved to try his success elsewhere, and in 1875 he established himself at Shamokin, where he has continued to reside to the present time. During his first three years in that city he was the head of the firm of Leader, Muir & Co., who had a store at Liberty and Independence streets. After the firm was dissolved, by mutual consent, in 1878, Mr. Leader opened a dry goods store of his own at Shamokin and Sunbury streets, two years later, in 1880, removing it to Independence street. In 1881 he formed a partnership with R. G. Eisenhart, the firm name being Leader & Eisenhart, and they were associated for three years, until Mr. Leader bought out his partner and took his brother, Edward M. Leader, into partnership. When he entered into the partnership with Mr. Eisenhart a clothing department was added to the original business, and Leader & Brother continued both lines until 1889, when they divided the trade, Charles C. Leader retaining the dry goods branch, and Edward M. Leader the clothing branch. Mr. Charles C. Leader, at the time of the separation, established himself in the new building, built in 1889, in which he has ever since continued the dry goods business, his brother remaining at the old stand on Independence street. The business was incorporated in 1908, as the C. C. Leader & Sons Company, Mr. Leader's two sons, Harry K. and Edward R., and daughter, E. May Leader, being now members of the firm. He himself continues to act as president of the concern. Mr. Leader has always been known as a progressive man in his methods and ideas, and when he erected his present dry goods store, in 1889, it was one of the finest buildings used for the purpose in the State, modern in construction, commodious and complete in equipment, pleasant, attractive, and convenient beyond the ordinary. The building is 48 by 125 feet in dimensions, three stories and basement, and is devoted entirely to the



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accommodation of this business, which has enjoyed a career of uninterrupted prosperity.

As the founder of one of the largest and most successful dry goods houses in this section Mr. Leader would be entitled to front rank among the enterprising business men of Shamokin. But he has not devoted himself entirely to this one undertaking. As an extension of his first interests, he had a dry goods store at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, which when the Shamokin store was incorporated he sold to his son C. F. Leader, who is conducting it on the same scale and in the same progressive style characteristic of the Shamokin store. An earnest desire to please their patrons may be said to be the keynote of the success of this concern, and the results commend the policy. Liberal management has also been a leading feature of Mr. Leader's code, and its wisdom has been made apparent by his continued prosperity.

Several of the most important financial corporations in Shamokin count Mr. Leader among their promoters and founders, and he has been identified with their conduct in various capacities, his connection and influence being considered important factors in their welfare. He was the leading promoter of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, capitalized at \$250,000, which was organized and began business in March, 1896, and has been its president since the organization; he is also president of the First National Bank of Schuylkill Haven, of the W. P. Zartman Lumber Company (with offices at Shamokin), of C. C. Leader & Sons Company (dry goods and carpets), and of the Hillsboro Telephone Company of Hillsboro, Texas. He is a director of the Cement Block Company, of Shamokin, of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Shamokin, of the Mississippi Telephone Company and of the Auburn Shale Brick Company of Shamokin; and a trustee of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa. Mr. Leader was the prime mover in the establishment of the First National Bank of Schuylkill Haven, which was organized in 1899, with a capital of \$50,000, and held the office of vice president until 1904, when he became president. He is a member of the building commission for the State hospital, including the district of Trevorton, Shamokin and Mount Carmel. His services in every position of responsibility have shown his selection to be a wise one. Few men have done more for the community, though he has not gone into the realm of public life, confining his efforts to doing the best he can for his fellow men in his capacity of private citizen. His gifts to charity have been generous and well distributed, his interest in benevolent projects leading him to support worthy organizations, and his sympathy for less fortunate fellow beings prompting many private benefices.

In May, 1867, Mr. Leader married Amanda R. Ketner, of Schuylkill Haven, daughter of Benjamin Ketner, and they have had a family of five children: Emma May is at home; Charles Franklin married Cora Pensyl; William C., born in 1874, was manager of the Mount Carmel store at the time of his death, in 1899, in a terrible railroad accident on the Lehigh Valley road at Dunellen, N. J.; Harry K., a member of the corporation of C. C. Leader & Sons Company, married Bertha Dress and had two children, Charles C. and Richard; Edward R. succeeded his brother William in the management of the Mount Carmel store and is a member of the corporation of C. C. Leader & Sons Company.

In politics Mr. Leader was originally a Democrat, but he now votes independently; he is a man of strong Prohibition tendencies, and a staunch advocate of reforms which have for their object the permanent elevation of the human race. He has long been a member of St. John's Reformed Church, and has served many years as elder. For twenty-five years, from 1880, he served as superintendent of the Sunday school. During the Civil war he responded to the call when the invasion of the State was threatened, enlisting at Harrisburg and serving in an emergency regiment at Wrightsville, York Co., Pennsylvania.

SIMON PETER BROWN was a resident of the borough of Milton for forty years, during which period he was not only considered one of the substantial citizens of that place but also one whose influence counted for much in the promotion of progressive enterprises. He made a great success of his own undertakings, and when he became interested in public institutions, those bearing on the general welfare of the community, he gave them the same thought which had made his personal affairs prosper. Intelligent, broad-minded and public-spirited, he was a man whose life, though unassuming and avoiding rather than seeking notoriety, was one of continuous usefulness to his fellow men as well as to those who had the right to claim his attention.

Mr. Brown was a native of Union county, Pa., born Aug. 14, 1843, son of Cyrus and Elizabeth (Wooltrout) Brown whose children were as follows: Mary Ann (who married Aaron Van Buskirk), Daniel, Reuben, Abram, Obediah (died young), Jeremiah (died young) and Simon Peter. The last named was a pupil in the schools of his home locality in Union county and later went to school at Lewisburg. He came to Milton about 1867 and there spent the remainder of his days. He began work in the borough as a clerk in the store of William Heinen, remaining there when it was conducted by the firm of Heinen, Etzler & Raush, and later by the Heinen & Schreyer Company. But he did not continue long in the hum-

ble capacity in which he began his connection with the business. He became a partner, and after the death of Mr. Heinen the firm became Schreyer, Brown & Co., continuing thus until Mr. Brown withdrew from the association, in 1894. Though unostentatious in everything he did Mr. Brown was recognized as a most efficient worker by all who had any dealings with him. Many of the most important movements in Milton counted him among their most effective promoters. He was one of the organizers of the Milton Water Company and served as director; was for years president of the Milton Gas Company and was one of the directors of the Milton National Bank. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics a Republican. His death, which occurred April 28, 1907, was a distinct loss to the community.

On March 14, 1882, Mr. Brown married Laura B. Knauff, daughter of John and Susan (Clinger) Knauff, and she survives him, she and her mother occupying the beautiful home on East Broadway erected by Mr. Brown.

JOHN KNAUFF, late of Milton, who served as assessor of the Second ward of that borough, was born in 1833 in Lycoming county, Pa., but was long a citizen of Northumberland county.

Frederick Knauff, his father, was born in 1809 in Germany and was only a boy when he came to America, in 1817. He followed farming all his life. His wife, Anna, of Schuylkill county, Pa., was born in 1810 and survived him, dying in 1885. Mr. Knauff's death occurred in 1875. He was a Lutheran in religion and a Democrat in politics. To Mr. and Mrs. Knauff were born children as follows: John: Henry, who lives in Lewisburg; Peter, living in Jersey Shore, Pa.; Daniel, who lives in Scranton, Pa.; Abram, deceased; Susan, who married John Zere and died in 1860; Margaret, Mrs. Wagner; Julia Ann, who married Peter Heilman and lives in Indiana (they have two children, Fred and Lloyd); Catharine, who married Edward App; and Matilda, who married Harry Noll.

John Knauff followed farming in his early life, later engaging in lumbering for a number of years. For over twenty years he was connected with the Milton Car Works as foreman, during the time that plant was under the management of Murray, Dougal & Co. Although a Democrat in a ward which is normally Republican by a majority of 100 Mr. Knauff was elected assessor a few years ago, the second time by a majority of 168, which statement needs no comment. He held this office during his last years, dying Aug. 1, 1910. His trustworthy character and efficient services were well appreciated by his fellow citizens.

On Feb. 9, 1856, Mr. Knauff married Susan, daughter of Henry and Susanna (Wagoner) Cling-

er, and their union was blessed with the following children: Laura B., who is the widow of Simon Peter Brown; Amanda V., Mrs. Crane; Carrie (deceased), Mrs. Hanam; and Robert C., who married Bessie May Hottenstein and has two children, John A. and Robert S. Mrs. Robert C. Knauff is the daughter of Allen S. Hottenstein, granddaughter of Charles Hottenstein and great-granddaughter of Henry and Catharine (Spohn) Hottenstein.

Though Mrs. Knauff has passed the threescore and ten mark she enjoys good health and is active beyond the ordinary, and the same was true of Mr. Knauff. They made their home with their daughter, Mrs. Brown, spending their days in well deserved peace and contentment, surrounded by all that goes to make life worth living.

VORIS AUTEN, of Mount Carmel, judge of the courts of Northumberland county, comprising the Eighth Judicial district, occupies a conspicuous place among the leading citizens of that section of Northumberland county and the State of Pennsylvania. His success in both professional and business lines indicates the strength and versatility of his makeup, and his services as judge have established him firmly in the confidence of the people.

Judge Auten, son of William Maxwell Auten and Sarah (Allison) Auten, was born in Chillisquaque township, this county, July 8, 1856. His original paternal ancestor in this country was Adrian Hendricksen Aten, who came from Holland and settled at Flatbush, Long Island, in 1651. Just when or under what circumstances the letter "u" was inserted in the paternal name is not definitely known. Some of the descendants of this ancestor retain the original form of the name.

In the latter part of the eighteenth century, probably between 1780 and 1800, John Auten (Aten), descendant of Adrian Hendricksen, settled in what is now Montour county, Pa., along the banks of the Chillisquaque creek, about nine miles from its mouth, where were born Joseph Auten and William Maxwell Auten, grandfather and father of the Judge. John Auten assisted in building the first Chillisquaque Presbyterian church, a log structure subsequently destroyed by the Indians. His son Joseph married Elizabeth Maxwell.

William Maxwell Auten, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Maxwell) Auten, was born July 7, 1814. He received a common school education, and when about eighteen years old began to learn the trade of millwright, which he followed in connection with farming throughout his active years. He made his home in Chillisquaque township until his death, which occurred Jan. 8, 1891, after a severe illness of about four weeks' duration. Mr. Auten was a man of considerable prominence in

his township, where he served one term as justice of the peace and several terms as school director, taking especial interest in the welfare of the public schools. He was a Democrat and took part in the work of the party, serving as delegate to county and State conventions. In religion he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he was a conscientious Christian and an earnest student of the Bible, conducting himself in all the relations of life so as to retain the respect and good will of all his fellow men.

Mr. Auten was twice married. By his first union, with Sarah Kline, daughter of Joseph Kline, he had six children, namely: Joseph H., Wesley, Isaiah, Catharine J. (Mrs. Samuel Giffen), John J., and a sixth which died in early infancy. The mother died in 1848, and Mr. Auten subsequently married Mrs. Sarah (Allison) Marr, widow of John Marr, and daughter of James Allison, who settled in Northumberland county in pioneer days. Seven children were born to the second marriage: James A., William M., Voris, Elizabeth (Mrs. W. B. Cox), Edward, George B. M. and Annie (wife of Angus Fairchild).

Voris Auten grew to manhood in his native township, gaining his early education there in the common schools. Later he attended the academy and university at Lewisburg, taking part of the scientific course at the university and like many who follow the professions he taught school while preparing for his life work. He was engaged for several terms as teacher in the common schools of his native township, and was six years thus engaged in the Sunbury schools, meantime, in April, 1879, commencing the study of law under Frank A. Marr, attorney, of Sunbury. He was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county in September, 1881, and in June, 1883, removed to Mount Carmel, where he has since been engaged in practice. In the fall of 1889 he was elected district attorney of the county, and was reelected in 1892, serving two terms. In November, 1901, he was elected judge of the county courts. Such is a brief outline of his legal career. Of the steps by which he has attained his success, the conscientious fulfillment of every trust reposed in him, the skillful handling of all his legal cases and his efficient discharge of every duty, we can best judge by results. He is a man who has done his best as a citizen, in both the relations which he has formed in the pursuit of his professional and business interests, and those which the intelligent man feels called upon to assume as a useful member of society. He is a Democrat in politics. Socially Judge Auten belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the F. & A. M.

On June 9, 1887, Judge Auten married Jennie Renn, daughter of Dr. George M. Renn, of Sunbury, and they have had one daughter, Agnes Renn, who was born July 11, 1893.

WILLIAM M. LLOYD, of Shamokin, present treasurer of Northumberland county, is a citizen who enjoys excellent standing in both business and official circles. Before taking his present office he filled that of justice of the peace for some time, and he has business interests which entitle him to be considered one of the substantial men of his community. He is a native of the county, of Welsh extraction.

Mathew Lloyd, grandfather of William M. Lloyd, was born in the south of Wales, in 1814, and came to America in 1854. He had married Mary Powell, also a native of South Wales, and on coming to this country they brought their family of three children, two sons and one daughter. Mr. Lloyd followed mining throughout his active years, and died in 1884 in Shamokin, Coal township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he is buried. Of the children, William died in Shamokin; Elizabeth married John Knittle, of Roaring Creek, Columbia Co., Pa., and died at Centralia, that county; Thomas is the father of William M. Lloyd.

Thomas Lloyd, son of Mathew, was born April 14, 1852, in Nantyglo, South Wales, and came to America when very young, landing at New York. His first home here was at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and later he was in Lycoming county, this State, whither his father moved in 1858. In 1859 the family moved to Danville, Montour county, remaining there until 1869, when they settled in Shamokin. Here and in the vicinity Thomas Lloyd has since resided. He worked at mining at the various places where the family lived, following that occupation, part of the time in connection with contracting, for twenty-five years in all. He then embarked in the grocery business, at Marshallton, in Coal township, Northumberland county, being engaged in that line for about seven years, in association with his son William M., under the name of Lloyd & Son. His next venture was in the hotel business, on the same site as he had his grocery store, and he continued in this line for thirteen years, making a success of it. Since settling at his present home he has devoted all his time to his real estate interests. He purchased property at Edgewood, in Coal township, in 1907 erecting thereon the fine residence he now occupies, at No. 1401 Arch street. In many ways Mr. Lloyd has proved himself a trustworthy and intelligent citizen, and his business reputation is unimpeachable.

On July 1, 1872, Mr. Lloyd married Delilah Ann Dilliplane, daughter of Ezekiel Dilliplane. She is a native of Roaring Creek, Columbia Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd have had six children: William M.; Albert, now a member of the firm of Malick & Lloyd, manufacturers of overalls and shirts at Shamokin, formerly superintendent of schools in Coal township (he married Nellie Ernst); Lydia A., unmarried; Thomas, M. D.;

Edward, D. D. S., of Shamokin; and Harvey, M. D., of Shamokin. Mr. Lloyd, the father, is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

William M. Lloyd was born April 9, 1873, in Coal township, near Shamokin, and attended the schools of his native township. But as was common in those days he commenced work at the age of eight years, as slate picker at the mines near Shamokin, following this vocation for four years. Then he entered his father's grocery store, clerking there for seven years, after which he engaged in the wholesale bottling business, in Coal township. He conducted that business until 1900, when he was elected a justice of the peace of his native township, and he served in that capacity until he was elected county treasurer, in November, 1908. Though a Republican, Mr. Lloyd was given flattering support, having a majority of 234 votes in his run for the treasurer's office. He is well and favorably known throughout the county, and his successful race for the position was undoubtedly due in large measure to his personal popularity and his high standing for integrity and moral strength.

Mr. Lloyd is one of the owners of the well known "Windsor Hotel" at Shamokin, of which Mr. J. W. Henrie is in charge, and in this connection is well known to the traveling public; he is vice-president of the company which owns the hotel. He is president of the Miners' Building & Loan Association of Shamokin, of which Charles O'Connor is vice-president. Mr. Lloyd holds membership in Shamokin Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, and also belongs to the West End Fire Company.

Mr. Lloyd married Julia Eagan, daughter of William Eagan, of Shamokin, and they have had a family of four children: Letitia, Albert, Valeria and Lyman S.

GRANT HERRING, of Sunbury, a distinguished lawyer whose professional talent and attainments have gained him standing among the foremost legal practitioners of the day in Pennsylvania, has been a resident of Northumberland county for only a few years. His reputation and achievements, however, entitle him to recognition wherever he goes. Bloomsburg, Columbia county, was his home for a number of years. For a considerable period he was prominent in Democratic politics, but since January, 1899, he has devoted himself to the practice of his profession. Mr. Herring was born May 19, 1862, at Centerville (now Limeridge), Columbia Co., Pa., son of George A. and Mary A. (Hess) Herring. The family is of German peasant origin.

Christopher Herring, the emigrant ancestor, came to this country with his wife and eight children before the Revolutionary war. They were "redemptioners," their services being sold to

defray the expenses of the passage. Two of the eight children were killed in the battle of the Brandywine. Another, Ludwick, was the great-grandfather of Grant Herring. He settled in Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa., in 1800. He was a teamster and was engaged in hauling produce and goods from Orangeville and Pottsville to Reading before the introduction of the railroad system in that section.

John Herring, son of Ludwick, was born in Orangeville, Pa., in 1808, and there resided throughout his active life. He was a carpenter by occupation, and for twenty years was a carpenter foreman on the Pennsylvania canal, between Nanticoke and Sunbury. Politically he was a Jacksonian Democrat, casting his first vote for Jackson, and adhered to the Democratic party until his death. For ten years he was justice of the peace at Orangeville. In 1889 he moved to Bloomsburg and for the rest of his years lived in retirement, dying in 1893. He married Rebecca Snyder, a sister of the late Sheriff John Snyder, of Orangeville, and they had eight children, six sons and two daughters.

George A. Herring, son of John, was born in Orangeville, Dec. 24, 1833, and obtained his education in the academy at that place. At the age of twenty years he moved to Bloomsburg, where he learned the trade of molder, which he followed for a period of four years in Bloomsburg, Illinois and Michigan. Returning home he engaged in carpentering with his father, building canal boats at Limeridge, Columbia county, and continued carpenter work and boatbuilding until 1864, when he purchased a colliery, now known as No. 3, at Shenandoah. Schuylkill Co., Pa., in connection with J. W. Williams, Esq., operating it for a few years as a member of the firm of Williams & Herring. He then met with a serious accident which nearly resulted in his death and which terminated his connection with the mine. He disposed of his interest and engaged in merchandising in Shenandoah up to the year 1876, when he sold out. During this period he was elected treasurer of Schuylkill county, serving from 1870 to 1873. He was one of the organizers and a director of the Shenandoah Water Company; also a director of the Shenandoah Valley Bank. In 1876, owing to poor health, he sold his store and moved to Bloomsburg, purchasing a farm two miles from there and also renting a tannery, which he operated until 1882. He then disposed of the tannery, but has since owned the farm. From 1881 to 1887 he served as deputy treasurer of Columbia county, and for the following three years as treasurer. In 1894 he was made deputy collector of internal revenue for the Twelfth District of Pennsylvania, with office at Scranton, under his son Grant, and he has since held that office. Po-

litically Mr. Herring is a firm supporter of Democratic principles and has frequently served as delegate to State conventions from Columbia and Schuylkill counties. He was a delegate to the convention which nominated Pattison for governor, the first time he was elected, and the delegation from Schuylkill county, being the last to cast its vote, had the distinction of naming the Democratic candidate, as the vote was very close. Mr. Herring married Mary A. Hess, who died in 1893 at the age of fifty-seven years, and they became the parents of three children: Grant; Ida, who resides with her father at Bloomsburg; and John, who died in March, 1890, at the age of twenty-two years. The latter was graduated from Lafayette College in June, 1889, and during his junior year in college received honors in oratorical contests; upon leaving school he began the study of law with his brother and continued it until his death.

Grant Herring attended the common schools of Shenandoah until 1876, when he entered the Bloomsburg State normal school, to prepare for college, remaining there until 1879. He then took a classical course in Lafayette College, graduating therefrom in June, 1883, with the degree of A. B.; later he received the A. M. degree from his alma mater. He is an excellent speaker and a fluent writer, and in his junior year took first honors in the oratorical contest. In September, 1883, he began the study of law in Bloomsburg with E. R. Ikeler, Esq., afterward president judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial district of Pennsylvania, and was admitted to the bar in Columbia county Feb. 5, 1885. He formed a partnership with Mr. Ikeler on the same day, under the firm name Ikeler & Herring, and they continued together for four years, until the former was elected to the bench. He has been admitted to the County, United States, State and District Supreme courts. He built up a good corporation practice, becoming solicitor for the Farmers National Bank, attorney for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, for the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, of Berwick, and a number of other prominent firms.

Mr. Herring was active in the councils of the Democratic party for some years. He was delegate-at-large from Pennsylvania to the Democratic National Convention of 1892, which nominated Cleveland, and was delegate from his district in 1896 to the convention held at Chicago, where he was an earnest advocate of sound money doctrines throughout the financial excitement which characterized that period. He received a number of honors from the party. He was elected to the State Senate from the Twenty-fourth district, which he represented, in that body from 1890 to 1894, serving in the extra sessions called in 1893 by Governor Pattison for the investigation of State officials. He was the youngest member of that

body. He was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the Twelfth district of Pennsylvania, assuming the duties of this office Feb. 3, 1892. On Aug. 12, 1898, he was appointed president judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial district (succeeding his former preceptor and partner, Mr. Ikeler, in that position), and soon after was one of three judges to decide a contest at a judicial election in Schuylkill county. He was not a candidate for the election which took place the following November, and in January, 1899, resumed the private practice of his profession, which he followed alone at Bloomsburg from the time he and Mr. Ikeler dissolved partnership until he came to Sunbury, April 22, 1907, and formed a partnership with Hon. S. P. Wolverton. They practiced together for two years, since which time Mr. Herring has practiced alone. His office is in the Bossler building, at the corner of Market and Fourth streets, Sunbury. Mr. Herring's success in handling the cases intrusted to him has come as the result of indefatigable devotion to the interests of his clients, and his thorough familiarity with legal methods in all the courts. His standing, because of his brilliancy and conscientious devotion of his best efforts to any work he undertakes, is of the highest, and he has a forceful personality which attracts the most substantial elements in any community. Mr. Herring was made a trustee of the State normal school at Bloomsburg in 1895, and again appointed in 1898; since the latter year he has also been a trustee of the State Hospital for Injured Persons, located at Fountain Springs, in Schuylkill county.

On Sept. 4, 1885, Mr. Herring married Emma Jones, of Bloomsburg, daughter of John C. Jones; she died Nov. 8, 1910, at the age of forty-nine years, the mother of three children, viz.: (1) Donald Grant Herring, born Sept. 25, 1886, attended Bloomsburg high school, was graduated at Lawrenceville in 1903, and then entered Princeton, from which university he was graduated with the degree of A. B., in 1907. He won the Rhodes scholarship for the State of New Jersey, which entitled him to a three years' course at Oxford University, England, where he was graduated with honors in June, 1910. While there he played Rugby football on the Oxford side in the intervarsity match between Oxford and Cambridge (the only American who enjoys that distinction). He is now an instructor at Princeton in Woodrow Wilson's department of History, Politics and Economics. (2) Laura Douglas Herring, born Dec. 24, 1887, graduated from the Bloomsburg State normal school and from Rye Seminary, N. Y., entered Vassar College, and subsequently took a course at the Damrosch School of Musical Art, New York City, studying vocal music. She is now preparing to sing in grand opera under the famous Madam Milka Ternina. (3) Mildred Herring,

born Sept. 24, 1893, graduated from the Bloomsburg State normal school, attended Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa., and is now at Rye Seminary, preparing for Vassar College.

ROCKEFELLER. The Rockefeller family has long been well represented among the best class of citizens in Northumberland county, and one of the townships of the county bears the name. The family was founded here by Godfrey Rockefeller, from whom the brothers to whom this article chiefly refers are descended in the fifth generation. All the surviving sons of the family of the late Lewis Rockefeller are prosperous and substantial business men of Sunbury, and there resides the family of the late Lemuel C. Rockefeller. His brothers, Isaac and Charles G. Rockefeller, are associated in business under the firm name of C. G. Rockefeller & Brother, and are proprietors of the Sunbury Market House and of the Sunbury Sanitary Dairy Company, both of which are well patronized by the people of the borough.

The Rockefeller family traces its beginning in America to one Peter Rockefeller, who was born in Europe in 1710 and on emigrating to America settled at Amwell, Hunterdon Co., N. J. He died there about 1740, leaving to his son, who was also named Peter, 763 acres of land in the county mentioned.

Godfrey Rockefeller, born in 1747, was a son of Peter Rockefeller (?). He came to Northumberland county, Pa., in 1789, and took up land in the vicinity of Snyderstown. He married Margaret Lewis, and they had a family of eleven children, three sons and eight daughters. One of the sons was the grandfather of John D. Rockefeller, of Standard Oil fame. The other two were John and William, the former the great-grandfather of the Rockefeller brothers of Sunbury just referred to, the latter the father of David (born Sept. 6, 1802) and grandfather of Judge William M. Rockefeller (born Aug. 18, 1830), who married Emily Jones, daughter of Thomas and Maria Housel Jones, of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

John Rockefeller, son of Godfrey, was the great-grandfather of Lemuel C., Charles G. and Isaac Rockefeller.

John Rockefeller, the grandfather, was killed on his way home from Reading, at a time when much of the country was still a wilderness. He married Elizabeth Moore, and they were the parents of Lewis Rockefeller, mentioned below, their other children being as follows: Henry married Elizabeth Morgan and had five children, John, James, Jacob, Franklin and Harriet (Mrs. John Gulick); Michael never married; David was twice married, his first wife being Isabella Campbell; John married Harriet Kneiss and had five children, Alice (wife of Rev. John Bowman), Caroline (Mrs. Woods), Anne (wife of Jacob Frye), Elizabeth

(wife of Jesse Cleaver) and Ella (Mrs. Sanders); Mary married George Bassett and had six children, Lucy, Alda, Ruth, Maggie, Elizabeth and George; Hetester married Isaac Eckman and had children, Col. Charles (married Sophia Gearhart) and David (married Ella Wolfe and had children, Franklin, Alfred, Dyer and Ethel). Elizabeth (married first Oscar Heller and second Joseph Bonner); Harriet (married George Mettler and had two children, Ella and Susan) and Lewis.

Lewis Rockefeller, born Sept. 12, 1823, died in October, 1898. He married Catherine Campbell, who survives him and they became the parents of a large family: Lemuel C., born Nov. 8, 1848, is mentioned elsewhere in this publication; Sarah married H. Clay Seasholtz and has had one son, David; Isabella died in 1888, at the age of twenty-five; Hattie married H. C. Lyons; Charles G. is mentioned below; Isaac is mentioned below; Joseph, born in 1859, died in 1870; David P. married Agnes Cummings; Oliver P. married Jennie A. Haupt; Emery was united in marriage with Minnie Gonser.

Mrs. Catherine (Campbell) Rockefeller, though now (1910) in her eighty-first year, is active and retains all her faculties, and to her excellent memory we are indebted for much of the data in this article. She enjoys good health, and her kind and unselfish disposition keeps her interested in the welfare of her numerous descendants and endears her to a wide circle of relatives and friends. She now makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Seasholtz. Her cheerful temperament and fine Christian character have won for her the esteem and love of all fortunate enough to know her. She was one of a family of nine children born to Christopher and Sarah (Kline) Campbell, the former of whom was the son of Christopher Campbell, the latter the daughter of Isaac Kline. Isaac Kline and his wife Catharine had the following sons: Harmon, Henry, Isaac and Christopher. The children of Christopher and Sarah (Kline) Campbell were as follows: (1) Isaac married Hannah Campbell. Children: Dr. John, who died in Philadelphia, Pa.; Lemuel, who married Sally Kersuge; James, who married Alice Van Zant; Rebecca, who married Joseph Eckman; and Flora, who died young. (2) Lemuel married Emma Smith. Children: Dr. Charles, who married Lizzie Enos; William, who died young; Eli, who died young; and Mary, who lives in Sunbury. (3) Abraham died young. (4) Herman married Elizabeth Reed, and their son, Edmund, married Mary Haupt. (5) Sarah married Charles Eckman, and had two children, Frank and Ellard (who married Ella Snyder). (6) Ella married (first) Kelso Savidge, by whom she had three children, Clinton (who married Louise Essie and has six children, Harry W., Albert C., Ralph W. E., Preston M., Louise and Lucile), Harrison C. and Lizzie A.

(married Willard Robinson). Her second marriage was to George Forrester, by whom she has had two children, Isabella (Mrs. Clark) and Ellen, the latter dying young. (7) Rhoda married Samuel Oberdorf, and they have had eleven children, Oliver (deceased), Isaac (deceased), Hamilton (deceased), Isabella (deceased), Chalmers (deceased), Mary, Peter, G. Donald (a graduate of Princeton and now principal of the Mount Carmel high school, who married Olive A. Ruch), Maurer (married to Amanda Gearhart), William (who married Ollie Wolverton and has two children, Calvin and Robert, the former a graduate of Bucknell University) and Susan (Mrs. Lorenza Eckman, who has two children, James and Chalmers). (8) Elizabeth married (first) Bloomfield Carr, by whom she had two sons, James and William, and (second) Charles Houghout, by whom she has two daughters, Virginia and Roda, the latter the wife of William Clark and the mother of three children, Bessie, George and Morris. (9) Catherine married Lewis Rockefeller.

CHARLES G. ROCKEFELLER was born Aug. 5, 1856, on one of the Rockefeller homesteads in Upper Augusta township, near Klinesgrove, and he and his brother Isaac lived on the farm there until they came to Sunbury in 1906. They are now associated in business as C. G. Rockefeller & Brother, and own and conduct the Sunbury Market House and the Sunbury Sanitary Dairy Company, Charles G. Rockefeller looking after the sanitary milk and cream depot, where four people are constantly employed. This plant supplies about eight hundred quarts of Pasteurized milk and cream daily to the local market. The Sunbury Market House, which is 100 by 280 feet in dimensions, was built by them in 1901, several years before they removed to Sunbury to manage their interests from that point, and has been well patronized by the farmers of this district and by the people of the borough ever since its establishment. The brothers own considerable valuable land, having one farm of 187 acres, another of fifty-seven acres, and a wood tract of twenty acres, and they keep help on these tracts all the year around. They stock their own farms, and have thirty-five head of dairy cattle, also buying considerable milk, for which, handled by their excellent methods, they find a ready market.

In February, 1886, Charles G. Rockefeller married Mattie Minnier, of Upper Augusta township, and they have had two children, Harrison L. and Helen P. The son is agent in Northumberland and Snyder counties, Pa., for the Velie Motor Car Company of Moline, Ill., and is an able machinist, thoroughly familiar with the machinery he handles. Mr. Rockefeller and his family reside on East Chestnut street, near Seventh street, Sunbury.

ISAAC ROCKEFELLER was born Dec. 18, 1858, in Upper Augusta township, at Klinesgrove, and lived in that township until his removal to Sunbury. He formed a partnership with his brother Charles and they were engaged in general farming and dairying. Their Pasteurized milk has always had a ready sale in and around Sunbury, and their market house, of which Isaac Rockefeller is the manager, is one of the standard supply depots of the borough. These brothers have made and maintained the highest reputation for reliable table commodities, and their trade is one of the largest in Sunbury, with a steady increase which speaks well for its future.

In December, 1907, Mr. Isaac Rockefeller married Emma Specht, daughter of Adam and Agnes Specht. They are members of the Methodist Church.

DR. FREDERICK TREON (also spelled Tryon) was a native of Berks county, Pa., and coming to Northumberland county settled in what is now Washington township, where he practiced medicine until his death, being a physician of wide acquaintance. He traveled around on horseback, being a typical "saddle-bag doctor." He is buried at the Himmel Church, of which he was a member. He had a large field of operation—and in his time rode thousands of miles. His wife, whose maiden name was Gougler, is also buried at the Himmel Church, in Washington township, located near Rebuck. They had these children: Michael, born Nov. 8, 1790, died Jan. 2, 1871 (he married a Miss Reitz and they had two children when she died, Isaac and Maricha); Dr. George located at Muncy, Pa., and was a prominent doctor; Dr. Frederick is mentioned later; Benjamin, who was a laborer and lived in Washington township, had a large family, Joseph, William, Henry, Emanuel, Matilda, Sarah, Polly and Abbie; Peter married Sarah Glace and they lived in Little Mahanoy (children, Henry, William, and some daughters); Barbara married Henry Moyer and they lived near Lewistown, Pa.; Julia married Dr. Smith; Susanna married (first) Abraham Reitz and (second) Amos Reed; Ann married Peter Kobel and they lived in Stone Valley (he was a tanner); Elizabeth married Martin Drumbheller; Sarah married Philip Moyer, of Snyder county, Pa.; Polly married John Bobb and they moved to Centre county, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Frederick Treon was born Oct. 16, 1803, and died June 27, 1870. His wife, Maria (Polly) Reith, daughter of George Reith, was born Feb. 9, 1809, and died May 7, 1859. They are buried at the Himmel Church. He was reared in Washington township and received his early education in the schools in vogue there in his day. He read medicine with his father who was a learned man

for his time, and was about twenty-four years old when he engaged in practice, in Lower Mahanoy and Jackson townships. He had a large field, and went as far as Buffalo Valley and Snyder county. He was specially skilled in treating gangrene, and people came to him for many miles. He, too, like his father was widely known, and his life was a useful one, his existence a benefit to the afflicted and to his fellowmen generally. He lived near Rebuck, in Washington township. Like his father before him, he was a Lutheran in religion. He was once voted in for township clerk for a joke, as he never cared for office. His children were: Adam R., Jacob, who died at Ashland, Pa.; Peter, who died at Shamokin; and Lovina, who married George B. Kiehl (they live in Philadelphia).

ADAM R. TREON, an old and respected citizen of Lower Augusta township, was born July 23, 1837, son of Dr. Frederick Treon. He is a native of Washington (then Jackson) township, was reared on the farm, and received such advantages as the local schools afforded, learning to read English and "cipher." He began farming at the tender age of thirteen years, and in 1858-59 began farming for himself in Washington township, as a tenant. There he lived and farmed until the spring of 1885, when he crossed the mountains and came into Lower Augusta township, where he has a farm of seventy-three acres located on the Hollowing Run Road between Fisher's Ferry and Trevorton. This tract was a Hummel homestead many years ago, and the property originally was much larger. Here Mr. Treon has since farmed. He has owned the tract since 1894, before which he farmed it on shares. Mr. Treon is a Democrat and was School Director many years, holding the office for twelve years in succession. He was constable seven years, also in Washington township, and was also auditor of that township: in Lower Augusta township he was auditor three years. At present he is a supervisor, having been elected in 1906. He is a prominent and useful citizen. In religious conviction he and family are New Lutherans.

In 1858 Mr. Treon married Susanna Hoffman, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Hetrich) Hoffman, of Washington township. She died April 15, 1894, aged fifty-six years, and is buried at St. Peter's Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Treon were born the following children: Edward H. married Sarah J. Miller, daughter of Andrew Miller, and they reside with his father and follow farming (their children are Mabel Ruth, Dennis D., George A., and Jessie Susanna); Jeremiah is a farmer in Lower Augusta township; Alexander died aged twenty-one years after an illness of five years, finally becoming blind about one year before he died; Galen, Lewis and Daniel died young; Mary married John A. Minnier; John is a resident of Fish-

er's Ferry, Pa.; Wesley, of Asherton, Pa.; Alice died young.

WALTON F. RHOADS, cashier of the First National Bank of Sunbury, the oldest financial institution of that borough, has been identified with that community all his life, but he belongs to an old Berks county family, being a son of William S. Rhoads and grandson of Benneville Rhoads.

The Rhoads family is one of the oldest in Berks county, where it was planted in the early days of the eighteenth century—some accounts give the year 1710—by several brothers of the name, one of whom was John Jacob Rhoads. His nationality is uncertain, and in the early tax lists and records his name is also spelled Roth and Roads. In 1753 he was a taxable resident of Amity township, Berks county, and owned considerable land. He was a man of affairs and operated a paper mill in Amity township. Tradition has it that one of the sandstone tombstones east of Amityville church, whose inscription has become illegible by time, marks his grave. His children were: (1) Lena married Henry Baum. (2) Jacob in 1778 was a captain in the Revolutionary army. He married Susanna Yocum and their children were: Hannah, Daniel, John, Jacob, Samuel and Elizabeth. (3) Matthias was a lieutenant colonel in the Revolution. He married Elizabeth Gotterin and had children: Mary, Esther, Capt. Jacob, Joseph, Abraham and John. (4) Daniel married Magdalena Kerst and they had twelve children: David, Peter, Samuel, Jacob, John, Solomon, Adam, George, Daniel, Henry, Abraham and Mary. (5) Mary married Maj. George Lorah, a Revolutionary soldier. (6) Elizabeth married Maj. George Lorah after the death of her sister Mary. (7) Samuel is mentioned below. (8) Christina married Jacob Griesemer. (9) John married Catharine Greiner and had children: Jacob, Hannah, John, Catharine, George, Mary, Eleanor, Elizabeth, William and Samuel.

Samuel Rhoads, son of John Jacob, married Elizabeth Auvenshine, and they became the parents of children as follows: William, John, Daniel; Samuel, Abraham, Elizabeth, and two sons that died young.

Samuel Rhoads, son of Samuel and Elizabeth, married Sarah Ludwig and they had children as follows: William L. married Lydia Hine; Jonas married Rachel Hunter; Abraham L. married Harriet Straub; Frederick lived in Dayton, Ohio; Sarah married John Nein and lived in Chester county, Pa., where she is buried; Eliza married Samuel Sands and both are buried at Boyertown; Benneville married Rebecca Lewis.

Benneville Rhoads, who married Rebecca Lewis, was born at Amityville, Berks Co., Pa., and for many years lived in Ohio. Among his children was a son William, father of Walton F. Rhoads.

William S. Rhoads, son of Benneville, was born May 25, 1835, in Berks county, Pa., and came to Sunbury, Northumberland county, in 1866, spending the remainder of his life at that place. He moved hither from Paxtonville (earlier known as Beaver Furnace), Snyder Co., Pa., where he had been engaged as a bookkeeper, and he followed the same work in Sunbury, where he died March 13, 1891. He is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. He became a highly esteemed citizen of Sunbury, where for fifteen years he served as a member of the school board from what was then the Third ward, serving many years as secretary of the board. Politically he was a Republican, in religion a Lutheran, and socially he belonged to the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows. Mr. Rhoads married Hannah Koch Francis, who was born May 25, 1835, and died Feb. 28, 1907. They were the parents of the following children: Mary C. (deceased) married Elwood P. McConnell; Adelaide F. married Charles A. Sensenbach, of Sunbury; Joseph W. died when eleven years old; Walton F. is a resident of Sunbury.

Walton F. Rhoads was born Sept. 22, 1860, at Hecla, Schuylkill county, and received his literary training in the Sunbury schools, going to the Sunbury high school. Later he entered the military academy at West Point, but resigned in 1881, after one year's attendance, and returning to Sunbury became employed as bookkeeper in Whitmer & Foster's general store. There he remained one year, when he became connected in the capacity of bookkeeper with the First National Bank of Sunbury, with which he has since been associated. This was in 1883. From bookkeeper he was promoted to the position of teller, then to assistant cashier, and on Feb. 1, 1909, he became cashier, succeeding George W. Deppen. This bank was established in 1831, and is one of the substantial and reliable financial concerns of Sunbury and the adjacent territory. Mr. Rhoads' long and honorable career in its service has given him the highest standing among business men in this section, and his personal reputation is equally enviable. Fraternally he is associated with True Cross Commandery, No. 112, Knights of Malta, and Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., both of Sunbury, and he also belongs to the Temple Club and to Good Intent Fire Company, No. 1, of Sunbury, of which latter organization he has been treasurer since 1895. He and his family attend the Lutheran Church.

On Nov. 4, 1883, Mr. Rhoads married Mary C. Cooper, daughter of Thomas G. and Mary Elizabeth (Rohrbach) Cooper, who lived in Sunbury. Children as follows have been born to them: Florence Edna, wife of Bruce G. Frick, who is employed in the treasury department at Washington, D. C.; Bertha Irene; Alma Catharine, who died March 27, 1906, at the age of fifteen years;

Thomas W.; Mary Cooper; Walton Francis Jr.; and Martha Elizabeth.

THE FRANCIS FAMILY, to which Mrs. Hannah Koch (Francis) Rhoads, mother of Walter Francis Rhoads, belonged, is also a Berks county family. Her grandfather, Jacob Francis, was born Oct. 10, 1777, and lived on the farm in Amity, near the Exeter township line, now owned by his grandson, Jacob S. Francis. In June, 1806, he purchased five acres from one Jacob Bower and settled upon it for the remainder of his life, dying there Aug. 16, 1849. In April, 1810, he added twelve acres to the original tract and more from time to time until he had fifty-four acres. In 1819 he built the barn which is still standing on the place, and in 1843 the present dwelling house. He was a shoemaker and farmer, industrious and thrifty, and prospered. He was a Lutheran and a regular attendant of Amityville Church, and he and his wife, Susanna Rosena, are buried in the graveyard at Amityville, in Amity township. She was born Oct. 8, 1777, and died Feb. 24, 1843. They had a family of nine children: John, born Dec. 31, 1801, was married Dec. 3, 1826, to Elizabeth Susan Snyder; Samuel is fully mentioned below; Daniel, born Aug. 8, 1805, was married Dec. 26, 1829, and died Aug. 8, 1849; Jacob, born Aug. 6, 1807, married Dec. 18, 1843, Lydia Yaeger (or Hunter); Lydia, born Aug. 10, 1809, died Nov. 27, 1824; Elizabeth was born Oct. 10, 1811; Catharine was born Jan. 21, 1814; Susanna was born Oct. 29, 1817; William is mentioned below.

Samuel Francis, son of Jacob, was born Jan. 31, 1803, and on Nov. 25, 1827, married Catharine Koch, by whom he had children as follows: Jacob K. is mentioned below; Abram K. died at Pinegrove, Pa.; Rev. Samuel A. K., D. D., is a Lutheran minister located in Philadelphia; Layanna married Isaac O. Bortz; Hannah K. was the wife of William S. Rhoads, late of Sunbury, Pa.; Dr. Lesher K. lives at Boyertown, Pa.; a son, twin of Lesher, died in infancy; Amanda married William Bruner, of Amity township, Berks county; Bertolette is a resident of Amity township, Berks county.

Jacob K. Francis, son of Samuel, was born in Berks county, and died at Harrisburg, Pa., when past fifty years of age. He is buried at Myerstown, Pa. In his earlier life he was a teacher, later engaging in business as a merchant at Harrisburg. His wife, Elinda (Breitenbach), died Oct. 18, 1908, at the age of eighty-four years and is buried at Colorado Springs, Colo. Their children were as follows: Elizabeth A., deceased; Mary J., who married Thomas P. Barber and resides at Colorado Springs, Colo.; Ida, who married T. S. Hull and lives at Colorado Springs; S. Newton, a publisher, of Denver, Colo.; Rev. J. M., mentioned below; Alma E., wife of D. W.

Shetzline, of Philadelphia; and William, a printer, of Fort Collins, Colorado.

Rev. J. M. Francis, D. D., pastor of Zion's Lutheran Church, at Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., was born March 4, 1865, at Myerstown, Pa., and has been in the Lutheran ministry for almost twenty years. He received his college education at Gettysburg College, from which he was graduated in 1888 and took his theological course immediately afterward, at Gettysburg Seminary, graduating therefrom in 1891. His first charge was at Louisville, Ky., whence he transferred to Columbia City, Ind., and later to Springfield, Ill., becoming quite prominent in the administrative work of the church in the latter State, serving as president of the Lutheran Synod of northern Indiana and holding the same position in central Illinois; he was chaplain of the Illinois Legislature for four years, from 1904 to 1908. On May 17, 1908, he entered upon the duties of his present charge, at Sunbury, Pa., where he has an important pastorate, the congregation of Zion's Church numbering fourteen hundred members. He is a devoted and efficient worker and his services have proved highly acceptable. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Maclay Lodge, No. 632, of Sunbury, and to the consistory at Bloomsburg.

Dr. Francis married Eliazbeth M. Toot, daughter of H. S. and Harriet S. (Deardorf) Toot, of Gettysburg, Pa. They have three children: Raymond T., who graduated from Sunbury high school in 1910 and is now a student at Bucknell University; Reginald K., and Robert M.

William Francis, son of Jacob, was born Aug. 6, 1820, in Amity township, Berks county, where his son Jacob S. now resides. He passed all his life on that farm dying there April 4, 1901, when over eighty years old. He owned the place and cultivated it, also following shoemaking, and outside of his own affairs he was principally interested in church work, in which he was very active. He and his wife were devout Lutherans, and he was deacon and elder in the church, chorister for many years, and one of the trustees of the cemetery board, which he helped to organize. On May 14, 1843, he married Julian Steinmetz, daughter of Michael and Mary Ann Steinmetz, and their children were as follows: Mary A., born Aug. 15, 1844, married Augustus Redcay and they lived in Birdsboro, Berks county; Emeline, born Sept. 3, 1846, married Samuel McLean; Amanda, born Feb. 3, 1849, died aged fourteen years; Jacob S. is mentioned below; Ellen, born April 1, 1853, died Oct. 19, 1871; David, born May 10, 1855, died in infancy.

Jacob S. Francis was born Sept. 3, 1850, on the Francis homestead in Amity township where he was reared and where he has spent all his life,

the place coming into his possession in 1901. It had been successively the property of his grandfather and father. The place now contains fifty-seven acres, valuable land, which is under a profitable state of cultivation.

On March 25, 1875, Mr. Francis married Catharine Bitting, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Behn) Bitting, of Exeter township, and they have had a large family, born as follows: William, Dec. 31, 1875; Charles, Aug. 31, 1877 (he is deceased); Daniel, April 19, 1879; Jacob, Jan. 22, 1882; James, Jan. 3, 1884; Henry, Sept. 8, 1885; Lizzie, April 7, 1887 (deceased); George, March 23, 1888; Sallie, Aug. 23, 1890; Vesta, Nov. 3, 1893 (deceased); Pearl, June 9, 1896; and Luther and Annie, twins, July 16, 1898. Mr. Francis and his family are Lutherans in religious belief, members of the Amityville Church.

JOHN JACOB KELLER, M. D., has been located in medical practice at Seven Points, Rockfeller township, since 1890 and during that period has built up a large practice, his patients being scattered over a wide territory, some of them in Sunbury and Trevorton. He was born Oct. 5, 1861, one mile south of Elysburg, Northumberland county, son of Jacob Keller, and was named for his great-grandfather John Jacob, who was born Nov. 22, 1773, and died April 28, 1847, aged seventy-three years, six months, six days. He came to Northumberland county in his later years and settled in Ralpho township. He is buried at the historic Blue church, at Dark Corner. His wife, Mary Magdalena, born Aug. 5, 1777, died Aug. 26, 1857, aged eighty years, twenty-one days. His children were: Philip, the Doctor's grandfather; Henry, who lived at Bear Gap, Pa.; Samuel, who lived in Snyder county, Pa.; another son, who lived in Venango county, Pa.; Daniel, who lived and died in Ralpho township, Northumberland county, at Dark Corner Valley (he was a farmer); and George, who married Rebecca Hoover, and died in Ralpho township.

Philip Keller, grandfather of Dr. John J. Keller, was born Oct. 2, 1803, in Shamokin township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and there obtained his education. He married Catherine Roth, who was born July 15, 1806, in Limerick township, Montgomery Co., Pa. She died Dec. 15, 1870, aged sixty-four years, five months. They had these children: Jacob, born Sept. 26, 1826; Daniel, born Jan. 17, 1828; Louisa, born Feb. 22, 1830, who married Jacob Kerschner; Isaiah, born July 22, 1833, who died young; Mary, born Sept. 29, 1838, who died Feb. 1, 1868, wife of William Kreigbaum; and Anna, born July 17, 1841, who died Dec. 3, 1867, wife of Thomas Smith.

Philip Keller settled in Shamokin township and followed farming, owning a farm at Elysburg, now

the property of Valentine Swank. By trade he was a weaver, of both plain and fancy articles, turning out bedspreads, cloth, linen, etc. He was a devout member of the German Reformed Church, deeply interested in religion and a devoted Bible student, taking great pleasure in the perusal of the Scriptures. He died about 1884, at the age of seventy-eight, and is buried at the Blue church.

Jacob Keller, son of Philip, was born on his father's farm at Elysburg, and died in 1896, aged sixty-nine years, seven months. He is buried at the Blue church, of which he was a member, belonging to the Reformed congregation. Having learned the trade of carpenter, he was engaged on the construction of many coal breakers, and later in life he took up farming, owning a farm which is now the property of Percy Swank, adjoining the homestead place. He married Rosetta Conrad, who survived him dying in 1905, aged seventy years, and they became the parents of thirteen children: Uriah R., who is deceased; Malissa, wife of James Kramer, of Shamokin; Amos, who died in Wisconsin; Tillie (deceased), who married Luke Bird and lived in Shamokin; Frank, who died of typhoid fever when nine years old; John Jacob; Viana, who married Leonard Pensyl and lives at Shamokin; Hannah, who married Harry Kline and lives at Shamokin; Elias Wesley, a carpenter, who lives on Dewart street in Shamokin; and four who died young.

John Jacob Keller received his early education in the public schools, and after leaving the Elysburg high school took private instruction and a Chautauqua correspondence course. He then taught school for six years, in what is now Ralpho township, and began reading medicine with the late Dr. S. F. Gilbert, of Elysburg. He completed his professional preparation at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1890 with the degree of M. D. From that time he has been located at Seven Points, where he has not only established an excellent practice but gained a high reputation for skill and conscientious devotion to his duties, and a personal standing that is beyond reproach. He has been a valuable citizen, and has interested himself in matters of business as well as of professional concern. Though conservative he is progressive, and his judgment is regarded as reliable among those who have been associated with him in business transactions. He is a large owner of real estate in Sunbury, and was one of the organizers and a member of the first board of directors of the Sunbury National Bank. He has served his township as school director and is a Democrat in politics. Fraternally he is a Mason, holding membership in Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., of Sunbury, Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., of Sunbury, and Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree.

On Feb. 23, 1882, Dr. Keller married Catharine Barron, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Slaughterback) Barron, who lived at Elysburg; the Slaughterback family came from Juniata county, Pa. Five children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Keller, namely: Myrtle attended school at Williamsport, Pa., and later studied at Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, Pa.; Verna graduated from the State normal school at Bloomsburg, Pa., in 1908, and is now engaged in teaching public school, this being her second term; Russell died in infancy; Grace died in 1907, when nine years old; Gladys is the youngest. Dr. Keller and his family worship at the Methodist Church.

EDWARD B. VOUGHT, proprietor of the Paxinos Roller Mills, is one of the leading business men of his section of Northumberland county, where he has resided from young manhood. He is a native of Montour county, this State, born July 30, 1857, son of Esick Howell Vought, and is a grandson of John Vought, Sr., the founder of this branch of the family in Pennsylvania. The Voughts are of German origin, and the first of the family to come to America settled in New Jersey, near what is now Trenton. Among his children were the three brothers, John, Daniel and Isaac, who came to Pennsylvania and settled in this region in pioneer times. A large number of Voughts are buried in the section where they settled, and most of the dates in this article have been taken from tombstone records gathered by Mr. Jerry Vought, of Danville; many of the family, however, had no markers, and some are buried at Catawissa, Berwick, and other places, but the records have been made as complete as possible under the circumstances.

John Vought, one of the sons of the emigrant ancestor who came to Pennsylvania, was born July 3, 1785. About 1817 he came from New Jersey to what is now Mayberry township, Montour Co., Pa., making the journey with teams, and he was among the early settlers in that district. He took up about twelve hundred acres of land, followed farming, and built the first sawmill along the Big Roaring creek. He married Hannah Metz, who was born Feb. 9, 1787, and died June 18, 1875, upon their farm, where Mr. Vought died Sept. 30, 1869. They are buried at St. John's Lutheran church, also known as Vought's Brick church, in Mayberry township. They had children as follows: (1) John, Jr., born June 1, 1807, died Oct. 7, 1885. He was a boy when he came with his parents to Montour county, where he followed farming. He married Esther Knittle, who was born Oct. 11, 1813, and died Dec. 20, 1898, and they had children: Peter H.; Caroline, who married Samuel Mutchler; Hannah, who married John Martz; Simon, a resident of Elysburg, who has been a justice of the peace of Ralpho township since 1875 (an infant daughter of himself and wife Clara.

born Oct. 2, 1875, died Oct. 4, 1875); Mary, who married James Broffel; Julia, born in 1845, who died in 1902, wife of Samuel Pensyl, who was born in 1837 and died in 1897 (their son Elwood, born in 1867, died in 1871, and their son John, born in 1873, died in 1874); Jane, who married Joseph Campbell; and Serenda, wife of S. S. Helwich. (2) Daniel. (3) Esick Howell is mentioned below. (4) Valentine, born March 21, 1814, died Feb. 14, 1901. His wife Maria, born Dec. 9, 1821, died May 9, 1881. Their son J. M. and his wife Elizabeth had a son born Jan. 1, 1881, who died the same day; and another grandchild of Valentine and Maria was Mary Gertrude Unger, born March 27, 1882, who died Feb. 14, 1907, leaving twin sons who were cared for and reared by their grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Vought. (5) James, born Dec. 30, 1826, died May 9, 1894. His wife, Emaline, died April 22, 1868. Their daughter, Emaline, died May 2, 1868; their son, Archibald Luther, died June 30, 1867; their daughter, Amelia Elizabeth, died May 10, 1866; their daughter, Naoma Ann, died March 20, 1866; their son, Esick Calvin, died Oct. 23, 1863—all dying in infancy or early childhood. Alice Aumiller, daughter of James and Jane Vought, and her young child are also buried with the Voughts, but their graves are not marked. (6) Anna. (7) Elizabeth. (8) Leanah, born April 28, 1819, died Nov. 25, 1889. She married Thomas P. Vastine, born Jan. 20, 1822, who died Dec. 3, 1885. Of their children: Hannah died May 26, 1867, aged fifteen years, eight months, eleven days; Sarah Catharine died April 15, 1867, aged eighteen years, three months, twelve days; and their son J. W. and his wife Emma had a son born March 6, 1893, who died the same day.

Esick Howell Vought, son of John Vought and his wife Hannah (Metz), died July 29, 1894, aged seventy-two years, twenty-one days. He was born in Columbia county, and spent practically all his life in Mayberry township, Montour county, where he followed farming. He married Louisa Crowl, who was born in June, 1819, daughter of Harry Crowl, and died in January, 1902. They are buried at St. John's Lutheran church in Columbia county. Their children were as follows: (1) Annie E., born April 6, 1844, died Oct. 28, 1889. (2) Mary J. is deceased. (3) Henrietta married Adam Pensyl and they live at Elvburg, Northumberland county. Their son, Edward Harris, born June 6, 1871, died March 23, 1873; their daughter Linnie, born July 6, 1875, died Sept. 4, 1880. (4) Christian M., who is deceased, married Araminta Campbell, who was born March 10, 1855, and died May 16, 1877. Their daughter Araminta, born May 4, 1877, died July 25, 1877. (5) Sallie E. married A. W. Long, and is deceased. (6) Margaret married H. W. Hartman and they are living in Ralpho township.

They have children, May, Clark, Ray and Wilbur. (7) Alfred Chester, born May 31, 1855, died July 15, 1879. (8) Edward B. is mentioned below. (9) Joseph H. is living in Sunbury. (10) Alonzo C. is living in Sunbury. Clara E., his wife, died July 25, 1896, aged thirty years, six months, six days; daughter Daisy A. died Feb. 16, 1891, when two months old; son Frankie E. died July 16, 1889, when nine months old; Nora, twin of F. E., is living; an infant son died Aug. 29, 1896.

Edward B. Vought was born in Mayberry township, Montour county, and was reared upon the farm, remaining with his father until he reached the age of twenty-two years. At that time he became engaged in business as a general merchant at Union Corners, in Rush township, Northumberland county, where he was located for a period of ten years, removing thence to the borough of Shamokin. There he remained another ten years conducting a shoe store at Independence and Liberty streets, after which he spent a year in the lumber business. In 1900 he bought the old mill property of J. W. Reed, near Paxinos, Northumberland county, and has since conducted the mill. This mill was built in 1840, and a milling business has been done at this site for the last hundred years. In 1909 Mr. Vought equipped his plan with the most improved roller process, and he carries on a general milling business, in flour, feed etc., his leading brands of flour being White Loaf, White Satin and Gilt Edge. He has become one of the foremost business men of his section, and is quite prominent in public affairs, being at present road commissioner. He was school director for six years, during which time he acted as president and treasurer of the board, one year in each capacity. He is a past master of Elvburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M.

Mr. Vought's first marriage was to Mary E. Pensyl, daughter of Solomon and Caroline (Epler) Pensyl. She died in 1884 and is buried at Reed's church. Three children were born to this union: Caroline L., Jesse R. and Ambrose J. For his second wife Mr. Vought married Catharine Wilbour, daughter of Peter Wilhour, and they have three children: Marion L., Grant S. and Violet E.

Daniel Vought, one of the three brothers who came from New Jersey to Pennsylvania, was born Dec. 23, 1788, and died Dec. 13, 1870. He settled in Mayberry township, Montour county, and followed farming. His wife, Mary, born Oct. 22, 1791, died July 12, 1859. Their children were: (1) Jacob. (2) Peter. (3) Daniel, whose son-in-law, William Mutchler, born in 1842, died in 1909. Two sons (Mutchlers) are buried with him, John and Oscar, but no age is given. (4) John M. died April 7, 1882, aged fifty-three years, ten months, eighteen days. His wife, Elizabeth, born April 26, 1827, d. June 7, 1900, aged seventy-three

years, one month, eleven days. (5) Samuel died March 5, 1889, aged fifty-eight years, one month, twenty days; his wife Catharine died Sept. 20, 1887, aged thirty-eight years, seven months, twenty-three days. Their son, Lorenzo E. A., born in 1873, died in 1902. (6) Mary died after reaching maturity, but her grave is not marked. (7) Catharine died Jan. 2, 1868, aged forty years, twenty-six days. (8) Sarah A. Dimick, the other daughter, also died after reaching maturity, but her grave is not marked, and age is not known to the present writer.

Concerning the posterity of Isaac Vought, the third brother who came from New Jersey to Pennsylvania, Z. O. Vought, his son, born July 26, 1831, died April 12, 1906; the latter's wife, Mariah, born Nov. 5, 1835, died Feb. 17, 1900. Their daughter, Mary Gertrude, born Dec. 29, 1855, died Feb. 18, 1860; their son, Charles, born Dec. 17, 1860, died Nov. 7, 1877.

A grandson of Daniel Vought, Sr., Henry Vought (whose wife's name was Hattie), had infant twins that died May 13, 1878; an infant son that died March 20, 1875, when one month, seventeen days old; and another infant son that died Dec. 5, 1882, aged twelve days.

JESSE R. VOUGHT, who is engaged in the flour and feed business at Shamokin, Pa., was born at Union Corners, Rush township, Northumberland county, June 13, 1881, son of Edward B. and Mary E. (Pensyl) Vought. He received his education in the local public schools and at the Elysburg Academy, and then entered Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., where he remained one and a half years. He then entered the shoe business with his father in Shamokin, working with him during the year 1900 in this business, and next engaged in the milling business with his father at Paxinos, where he remained until 1909. At that time he embarked in his present business at Shamokin, dealing in flour, feed, hay, grain and straw. His place of business is situated at the corner of Commerce and Ninth streets, and he has a flourishing trade.

Mr. Vought married Leona Linderman, daughter of William Linderman, of Shamokin, Pa. Socially he is a member of the local lodge of Elks.

JAMES O. SHEARER, present chief Burgess of Milton, Northumberland county, is engaged in the insurance business in that borough and has long been associated with its civil administration, having held office—local or county—continuously for a number of years. His high standing in the borough is attested by the many marks of confidence which have been shown him by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Shearer was born in 1858 in Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., and is of Irish descent, a member of the fourth generation of his family in this country. His great-grandfather, Michael, who spelled the name Sherrred, was a native of Ireland and lived and died in that country. He married Esther Dutton, and they had three children, Robert, Jane, and another daughter who died at sea while the family were en route for America. The mother was remarried, to Thomas Wallace, by whom she had six children: Susan, who married John Russell; Esther, wife of Samuel DeArmand (she died in 1851, and he in 1818); Nancy, Mrs. McKinney; Mary, Mrs. Morehead; Mrs. McKee; and John, who died young. About 1780 this entire family came to America, settling in Dauphin county, Pa. In 1793 they removed to Delaware township, Northumberland county, where Mr. and Mrs. Wallace lived and died. Jane Shearer, daughter of Michael, married William Hunter and settled near Washingtonville, Pennsylvania.

Robert Shearer, son of Michael, was born in Ireland, and was fifteen years old when he came to America with the family. He also accompanied them on their removal to near Warrior Run in Northumberland county, and one of his granddaughters, a Miss Shearer of Milton, has his church certificate for transfer of membership from the Derry Church in Dauphin county, dated March 26, 1793. He married Margaret Hutchinson, who was born Oct. 30, 1782, and upon his marriage purchased a farm of 160 acres in what was then Turbut township, Northumberland county (now Limestone township, Montour county). Here he and his beloved wife spent their entire married life, his death occurring March 31, 1839, hers Sept. 15, 1856. They were the parents of the following children: Esther, Eleonore, Margaret, John, Jane and Mary, all but John dying unmarried.

Joseph Hutchinson, Mrs. Margaret (Hutchinson) Shearer's father, was born in 1740, and in 1762 married Margaret Hutchinson, who was born in 1741. Their children were born as follows: Mary, Jan. 16, 1763; Joseph, July 10, 1765; Jean, June 15, 1767; John, July 23, 1770; Elder, Feb. 7, 1773; Margaret, Jan. 23, 1775 (died young); Sarah, Nov. 23, 1777; Andrew, April 16, 1780; Margaret (2), Oct. 30, 1782; Florence, April 5, 1785. The father of this family died Sept. 21, 1804, the mother Jan. 17, 1813. He gave the land for the burying ground at Warrior Run church, entering in the deed a provision that any of his descendants forever who so desired should be buried there free.

John Shearer, son of Robert, was born Aug. 23, 1811, and died April 12, 1892, at Milton. He purchased his father's farm and lived on that property until 1885, when he sold the place to Gideon

Shoop and moved to Milton, passing the remainder of his days in that borough. Before his removal to Milton he had served thirty-five years as justice of the peace and there were few better known men in his locality. He married Catharine Frick Oakes, who was born in White Deer Valley, Union Co., Pa., Nov. 21, 1834, and died Nov. 8, 1908, and they are buried in the upper cemetery at Milton. They had a family of five children: Robert, now of Duluth, Minn.; Samuel, of Oklahoma; Margaret H.; James O.; and Wallace, who died in 1890 (he was serving at the time as secretary of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.).

Judge Samuel Oakes, father of Mrs. John Shearer, was born Dec. 30, 1796, and died Dec. 21, 1867. On March 14, 1822, he married Sarah Montgomery, who was born Sept. 20, 1803, daughter of Robert (born 1762) and Catharine (Frick) Montgomery (born 1767, died 1805), granddaughter of John Montgomery (born 1738, died 1792) and Christiana (Foster) (born 1741, died 1821), and great-granddaughter of Robert and Sarah Montgomery, who came to this country from County Armagh, Ireland, in 1737 and settled in Dauphin county, Pa.; this Robert Montgomery died Oct. 15, 1776, aged seventy-one years, and is buried at Paxton Church, near Hamburg, Pa. To Samuel and Sarah (Montgomery) Oakes was born a large family, viz.: Catherine F. was born Feb. 14, 1823; Gen. James, born April 4, 1826, who married Maria Beehn, of Philadelphia, was a captain in the Mexican war, served on the Western frontier, and was a member of the Union Veteran Legion (he died in 1910); Sarah J., born Feb. 7, 1829, married John V. Goodlander, of Milton, and died May 5, 1898; Margaret, born Aug. 30, 1832, married Peter Hughs (associate judge), of Danville, Pa.; Catharine F. was the wife of John Shearer; Lucretia, born Sept. 6, 1836, died Sept. 21, 1842; Christiana, born Jan. 5, 1839, married Dr. C. H. Dougal and died March 25, 1873; Caroline, born Feb. 6, 1841, married James D. McGinnes, of Limestoneville, Pa.; Elizabeth, born Sept. 24, 1843, married B. Lyons, of Columbia county, Pennsylvania.

James O. Shearer spent his boyhood days on his father's farm. In 1885 he went West, remaining until 1887, when he returned East and located in Milton, finding employment in the Milton Car Works. In 1896, with his election as overseer of the poor in Milton, he began his connection with the official life of the town, and he continued to fill that position for ten years, until 1906, in which year he was appointed chief clerk in the county commissioners' office, which is located at Sunbury. There he remained until 1909, when he returned to Milton, and the same year he was honored with election to the office of chief burgess, which he is now filling. He is also deputy prothonotary of Northumberland county. It was in

1902 that Mr. Shearer began the insurance business, which he has since continued, having his office at No. 11 Front street, Milton. He has established a profitable patronage in this line, which he is constantly widening by his diligent efforts and enterprising methods.

Mr. Shearer has been a well known worker in the Democratic organization in this county, and was county chairman for his party from 1903 to 1905. Socially he is a Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 256, F. & A. M., of Milton; Warrior Run Chapter, R. A. M., of Watontown; Williamsport Consistory; and Iram Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his ancestors for generations, before the emigration to America, have belonged.

On Sept. 7, 1910, Mr. Shearer married Algie D. Lamberson, of Sunbury.

WILLIAM T. GRANT, late of Sunbury, was during his active years one of the prominent citizens of Northumberland county. His strong character and business ability were demonstrated in a life of energetic and successful effort, but he is probably best remembered as he would have chosen to be, for his gentle and kindly nature, his unassuming but effective labors in the interest of the general welfare—a career of quiet usefulness continued long beyond the ordinary span. He was one of the oldest residents of Sunbury at the time of his death, and one of the most respected.

Mr. Grant was born Oct. 9, 1828, on the old family homestead farm now within the upper part of the borough of Sunbury, and was a descendant of a family which in the early days bore its share in the making of history in this section of the State. His great-grandparents, Alexander and Anna (Gordon) Grant, came from Scotland and settled in what is now the northwestern part of the borough of Sunbury, and there they passed the remainder of their lives. They are buried in the upper graveyard; Mrs. Anna Grant lived to be 104 years old. They brought with them two children, Thomas and George, both of whom had been baptized in the cathedral at Edinburgh. Both served in the Revolutionary war, and George was killed at Stony Point.

Col. Thomas Grant, son of Alexander and Anna (Gordon) Grant, was a colonel in the Continental forces during the Revolutionary war, and settled in Sunbury after its termination. He was a farmer by occupation and remained with his father on the homestead, becoming the owner of the extensive farm, which is now within the limits of the borough. He was a man of intelligence and enterprise, a leading citizen of his day, and was supervisor of the turnpike company. He died June 16, 1815, aged fifty-eight, while his wife

Deborah (Martin), who was from Northumberland, this county, born Jan. 19, 1763, died Feb. 22, 1845. They had children: George, Mary, Julian, Deborah, William, Thomas, Martin, Sarah, Robert (who died in infancy) and Robert S. Of these Deborah married Kenderton Smith and had children; Elizabeth, Virgellia, Deborah, Julia, Annie, Thomas, Mary A., Kenderton and Cadwallader. William (son of Col. Thomas Grant), born Nov. 7, 1788, died Feb. 28, 1838; he married Dorcas Montgomery (born Dec. 5, 1790, died July 3, 1863), and their children were Clarinda, Thomas, Robert Montgomery (born Feb. 2, 1816, died Dec. 27, 1840), Deborah (born Feb. 15, 1818, died Feb. 1, 1851), Margaret Ann (born in 1820, died in 1823), and Mary (who married Dr. Reed and had sons Thomas and William).

Robert S. Grant, son of Col. Thomas, was born Dec. 4, 1804, in the brick house which is still standing on the old homestead place, and passed his life there, dying April 25, 1849. He followed farming. He married Elizabeth Dyer, who was from the Wyoming region, being of Wilkes-Barre, and to them were born three sons: William T. is mentioned below; George M., born in 1831, died in 1853; Thomas D., born Nov. 21, 1834, died Aug. 13, 1879, while his wife Amelia D., born April 15, 1839, died Jan. 15, 1875. There was also a daughter, who died young. The mother of this family died Feb. 27, 1837, at the age of thirty-one.

William T. Grant spent his boyhood at the home place and received his education in the schools of Sunbury. At an early age he entered the employ of Henry Yoxthimer, who at that time had one of the largest general stores in this part of Pennsylvania, and there he became familiar with business methods and laid the foundation of his future success. Marrying Mr. Yoxthimer's daughter, he and another son-in-law of that gentleman, John W. Fryling, formed a partnership and became proprietors of this extensive business. Mr. Grant followed merchandising successfully for a number of years, later becoming interested in the coal trade in the Shamokin region, making large shipments from his wharves in Sunbury. It was in this connection that he became one of the founders and officers of the Shamokin National Bank. After giving up the coal business he was in the Pennsylvania Railway Company's service at Sunbury until he retired because of advancing age a few years before his death.

Though he never aspired to public honors Mr. Grant had such close association with various phases of the life of his borough that he was very well known. He was always ready to do his full duty as a citizen in private life, and during his active business years was diligent in the care of his own enterprises, but he invariably found time to be a devoted and faithful church worker, and

in this connection he was known of all over the State. He was one of the oldest Episcopal Church officers in Pennsylvania, having been a vestryman of St. Matthew's Church, at Sunbury, for a period of nearly sixty years, from early manhood until his death. All his church duties were efficiently and promptly performed, and he was a regular attendant at services as long as his strength permitted. Sincere and unostentatious in his religious life, he carried the principles of Christianity into all his relations with his fellowmen. "His life has been an open book, full of usefulness, consideration for others and gentleness. All his ways were ways of gentleness, for he was a gentleman, and taken all in all his life is worthy of emulation. It can be truthfully said the world is better for his having lived in it and there are many sorrowing hearts in this community, for his friends and acquaintances were legion." His "consideration for others" was a trait he carried to the extent of speaking well of others or not at all, and was so marked that it was always a pleasure to meet him, his unfailing kindness and courtesy being a matter of heart as well as of principle. In the home circle, as well as among his neighbors and friends, he was cheerful and thoughtful, a delightful companion and loving father and husband, whose first thought was for others. Among his business associates he was no less esteemed for his clear judgment and fairness to all. His last years, after his retirement from business activities, were enjoyed in simple outdoor life, in the cultivation of flowers and vegetables, for which he seemed to have a gift, his success with such ventures being remarkable. It was undoubtedly his method of living which so prolonged his years, for with the exception of the last few months he enjoyed unusual vitality throughout his long life of nearly eighty-two years, his death taking place in August, 1910, at his home on Arch street, Sunbury. He was buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. Mr. Grant was probably one of the oldest Masons in the State at the time of his death, having been a member of Lodge No. 22, E. & A. M., for over sixty years, and for many years he took an active part in the work of the fraternity. He was master of his lodge in 1857.

On Sept. 23, 1852, Mr. Grant married Rachel A. Yoxthimer, who was born Sept. 30, 1830, daughter of Henry and Nancy (Bacon) Yoxthimer, and she survived him, with seven children, namely: George E., who is at present secretary of the school board of Sunbury; Charles, of Northumberland, this county; Robert D., who makes his home in Los Angeles, Cal., engaged in the mining business (his wife, Ruth Lola Gaylord, born at Waterbury, Conn., July 9, 1868, died at Salt Lake City Sept. 1, 1903); Annie; Elizabeth; Katherine; and Edith, Mrs. William L. Dewart, of Sunbury.

HON. CHARLES HEBER DICKERMAN, of Milton, president of the First National Bank, and ex-Congressman from the Sixteenth Congressional district, is one of the citizens to whom this borough proudly refers as representative of its best interests. As member for many years of the firm of Murray, Dougal & Co. Limited, which had one of the large industrial plants at that point, he was instrumental in bringing to the borough an amount of business which materially increased its prosperity. As a public-spirited citizen he has been at the front in most movements calculated to increase Milton's attractiveness. His business interests, though centered at Milton for many years, have not been confined to that place. His business and political connections have made him well known all over the State, and beyond its limits.

Though a native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Dickerman belongs to an old New England family, tracing his ancestry in America back to the early Colonial days, when in 1635 Thomas Dickerman came from England and settled in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

John Dickerman, of the sixth generation of the Dickerman family in this country, and the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Vermont March 17, 1764. At the age of sixteen he enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, in which he served about nine months. During the latter part of his service he was employed as a scout. In 1789 he married Thankful Smith, a native of Granby, Mass., daughter of Seth and Thankful Smith, of that place, the former of whom served as a colonel in the Revolution. Mr. Dickerman moved to New Haven, Conn., when a young man, and there learned blacksmithing. About 1800 he removed with his family to Guilford, Chenango Co., N. Y., where he followed his trade, also engaging in farming. Later he removed to Otsego county, N. Y., where he died Nov. 6, 1848. His wife died at the same place Oct. 7, 1856.

Clark Dickerman, father of Charles Heber Dickerman, seventh in the family of John and Thankful (Smith) Dickerman, was born June 12, 1803, in Guilford, Chenango Co., N. Y. He received there an academic education, and afterwards took a medical course in Jefferson College, Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Dickerman was twice married, his first union being with Eliza Knapp, whom he married in November, 1829, and who died Nov. 9, 1830. He was married Oct. 14, 1833, at Gibson, Susquehanna Co., Pa., to Sarah Adelia Chandler, who was born July 30, 1815, daughter of James Chandler, a member of the Chandler family of Vermont and Michigan. He settled in Harford, Susquehanna Co., Pa., where he engaged in the active practice of his profession until his death, which occurred there Aug. 5, 1853. To his second marriage were born six children: James Bedell and Eugene Durand,

both deceased; Eliza Knapp, who married Ralph H. Eaton; Charles Heber; Payson Kingsbury; and Mary Louisa, who married Clement R. Woodin.

Charles Heber Dickerman was born Feb. 3, 1843, in Harford, Susquehanna Co., Pa., and there received his early education in the public schools. He supplemented this with a course at Harford University, being graduated from that institution in 1860. For several years afterwards he was engaged in teaching in the public schools of Susquehanna and Luzerne counties. In 1862 he was registered as a law student in the office of Hon. Daniel S. Dickinson, at Binghamton, N. Y., but in 1863 he abandoned the law and accepted a position with Carter & Son, coal operators at Beaver Meadows, Carbon Co., Pa. In 1868 he removed to Bethlehem, Pa., and engaged in the coal commission business. In 1869 he became interested in the Chapman Slate Company, Chapman Quarries, Northampton Co., Pa., miners and manufacturers of roofing slate and other slate products, was elected secretary of that company, and in 1870 was chosen general manager. In 1880 he became associated with S. W. Murray in the manufacture of freight cars, and removed to Milton, where he has since resided. The firm of Murray, Dougal & Co. Limited, with which Mr. Dickerman was associated, engaged extensively in the building of railroad freight cars, and Mr. Dickerman continued his active connection with the establishment until the entire plant was sold, in 1899, to the American Car & Foundry Company, the present owners. The firm of Murray, Dougal & Co. Limited gave employment to several hundred men, and was an important factor in the industrial welfare of the community.

Mr. Dickerman has been interested in numerous financial institutions. He was for many years a director of the Second National Bank of Mauch Chunk, Pa., of the Lehigh Valley National Bank, of Bethlehem, Pa., of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, Sunbury, Pa., and of the First National Bank of Milton, Pa., of which latter he became president in 1897, and is still serving in that capacity. He has always been an unswerving, uncompromising Democrat, and a fearless, outspoken advocate of Democratic principles. He served for three years as chairman of the county committee of Northumberland county. In 1891 he was elected a delegate to the Constitutional convention to form a new constitution for this State, and was a delegate to the National convention in 1892. In November, 1902, he was elected a member of Congress, representing the Sixteenth Congressional district, served as a member of the Fifty-eighth Congress, and declined a renomination and reelection, preferring private life. In 1905 he was appointed by President Roosevelt delegate to the Peace congress which met at Brussels, Belgium, on Aug. 14th of that year.



C. H. Dickerman

Mr. Dickerman was married March 10, 1869, at Beaver Meadows, Carbon Co., Pa., to Joy Ivy, daughter of William and Margaret Carter, natives of Cornwall, England, where Mrs. Dickerman was born. Four children were the fruits of this union: Adelia Margaret (Mrs. Howard H. Williams, Plainfield, N. J.), William Carter (vice president of the American Car & Foundry Company, No. 165 Broadway, New York City), Grace Beatrice (Mrs. Guido C. Vogel, Milwaukee, Wis.) and Joy Chandler (Mrs. G. W. B. Fletcher, Philadelphia, Pa.). The family are attendants of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Dickerman is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Lawyers' Club, of New York City.

DUNKELBERGER, a name well represented in Northumberland county, originated, according to tradition, from Dunkel Berg, a spur of the Black Forest. Little is known of the Dunkelbergers before the time of the Reformation. During that period they espoused the cause of the Reformers, and their descendants to the present day have continued to adhere to Protestant denominations. Up to the time of their emigration to the New World they were industrious and patriotic citizens of what is now the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, in lower Germany, but being deprived there of their religious liberty they turned to America, coming hither in 1728 by way of the Rheinfeld, down the Rhine to Holland, whence they sailed in the English ship "Morehouse," landing at Philadelphia Aug. 28, 1728. They proceeded at once to what is now Berks county, Pa., locating in Windsor township, a little southeast of what is now the borough of Hamburg. They were frequently molested by the Indians. These emigrants were Clement, ~~Daniel and John~~ Dunkelberger. Clement, who was the ancestor of the others (the name of his son Daniel, however, does not appear in his will), at once paid taxes to the English Crown. "Clementz Doneleberger" is on the first list of taxables of Windsor township (1754). He paid £6 tax in 1759. At the time of his death, in 1782, his home was in Windsor township. His will, made Feb. 12, 1776, was probated April 8, 1782, and is on record in Will Book B, page 38. At the time the will was made his wife Anna Maria was still living. Their children were (no record of Daniel): Clemens, who obtained the plantation; Catharine, married to Andrew Winiger; Mrs. John Beck; John; Frederick; Christopher; Elizabeth, married to Michael Deck; Philip; Sevilla; Magdalena; and Dorothea.

John Dunkelberger, grandson of Clement, was born in Windsor township, near Hamburg, in 1749. He married there and had two sons by that marriage, in 1780 (at which time he was a widower) moving with his son George to the northern part of the Mahanoy Valley, in Northumberland

county—that part of Mahanoy now embraced in Little Mahanoy township. He received from the State a warrant for more than two hundred acres of land, located north of Line Mountain and between that and Mahanoy creek. The Indians were his neighbors, and were friendly to him, but during the terrible Indian disturbances his family on several occasions had to flee for safety. There he built a stone grist mill and stone dwelling house. In 1814 he is credited with a grist and saw mill on Mahanoy creek which mill is said to have been the first in that section. He built the mill several years after locating in that district. On the John Dunkelberger homestead still stands a large stone house, 45 by 35 feet in dimensions, and two and a half stories high, which was built in 1818, the year in which this pioneer died. Large, well-selected stones were used in its construction and the wall is exceptionally strong.

After settling here John Dunkelberger married again and had two sons by his second wife, Solomon and Jonathan, from whom most of the Dunkelbergers are descended. These pioneers are buried on their own farm on an elevation below a piece of pine woods, about fifty feet northeast from a public road. Their graves are marked by marble tombstones, inscribed as follows:

"Hier ruhet
Johanes Dunkelberger
Gabo. den 28 Sept.
1745
Storb den 27 Novem
1818
Alt 73 jahr 2 mo
1 Tag
Text I Buch Moses
48 Capitel 21 V"
"Hier ruhen die
gebine von Elizabeth
Dunkelberger war
Eine geborne Kahwel
war geboren den 20ten
Marz, 1761, und starb
den 3ten September, 1827
Ist alt worden 66
Yahr 5 monot und
12 tag. Text Heob.
17, Capitel den 11, ver. 5"

Early members of the Dunkelberger family (probably sons of John Sr. and of Frederick) were David, Joseph, Samuel, Solomon, John and Daniel (who was lame). The following Dunkelbergers were mentioned in the first assessment list of Little Mahanoy township in 1814: John, Frederick, Christopher, Christopher, Jr., and Philip.

Christopher Dunkelberger, who died in Little Mahanoy township in 1835, made his last will and testament (on record at Sunbury courthouse) Feb. 12, 1834, and it was probated March 2, 1835. He made ample provision for his "beloved" wife Catharine. Items of the will: She shall have two cows, two beds and their beddings, privilege of the house, and of one horse to ride when she

wants to go abroad. Their children: Abraham (received the homestead, cattle, sheep and swine), Susanna, Catharine, Ester, Salomey, Elizabeth, Henry, Daniel, Magdelina, John, Peter, Hannah.

In a private graveyard in Little Mahanoy township, on a farm formerly owned by Frederick Dunkelberger (now owned by Galen Raker), is a tombstone bearing the inscription:

"Hier ruhet
Friederich Dunckelberger
gebo. 1747, storb
d. 24. Jener 1815
alt. 67 y. 9 mo."

His wife, Catharina, nee Hauer (in), is buried at Little Mahanoy church, where may be found record of her birth and death, Oct. 18, 1749, and Jan. 17, 1831, respectively. Her will is on record in Will Book III, page 83; executor, Leonard Reed.

On a farm in Little Mahanoy, on Little Mahanoy creek, formerly owned by Christophel Dunkelberger (now owned by Jacob Dreibelbis), is a tombstone with the following inscription:

"Hier ruhet
Christofel Dunckelberger
worde geboren den 27
Hornung, 1773, und
Storb den 29 Jenner 1827
Ward alt 53 yahr 11 mo
nat 2 Tag"

There is another stone with the inscription:

"Hier Rhuat ein Sohn von
David Dunkelberger
b. 1831, d. infancy."

Eve Feister, the wife of Christophel Dunkelberger, is buried at the Little Mahanoy Church; she was born July 8, 1780, and died Nov. 30, 1830.

George Dunkelberger, eldest son of the John Dunkelberger who came into Northumberland county in 1780, settled in the Mahantango Valley, in Mahanoy (now Lower Mahanoy) township, about 1802, being one of the early pioneers in that region. He attended the Reading markets from there. Shortly before his removal he was married (in 1800) and he had four sons, Jacob, Samuel (who lived in Little Mahanoy) Daniel, (who died July 18, 1865; his wife, Catharine, nee Wagner, born Aug. 29, 1816, died July 6, 1863) and John. George Dunkelberger died in August, 1837. His will, on record at Sunbury, Pa., in Will Book III, page 282, provided by item for his wife Elizabeth as follows:

She shall have a cow, spinning-wheel, 9 bushels rye, 3 bushels wheat, 24 pounds beef, 25 pounds pork, iron pot, one pan, one bucket, kitchen utensils, etc. The will speaks of four children, but only three are mentioned, as follows: Samuel and Daniel shall have homestead: John shall have that certain tract of land of my old farm, etc. The executor was John Mowrer. George Dunkelberger

lived in Upper Mahanoy township, and had land at Mahanoy which the Saibals had before him. Of George's children, Jacob, the eldest, born in 1802, in 1850 moved to Hegins township, Schuylkill county, where he had bought a large farm and gristmill near the present town of Hegins. There he died in 1874, and was buried in the Evangelical cemetery. He had married in 1828 Catharine Maurer; and they had eight children, Moses, William, Emanuel, Caroline, Lena, Hannah, Mary and Salome. Of these, Moses, born in Mahantango in 1829, married in 1853 in the locality mentioned, Elizabeth Bensinger, and they are both living at present at their homestead in the town of Hegins. Their children are: R. B. Dunkelberger, a prominent business man of Reading, Pa.; Mary Jane, wife of John H. Schrope, a prosperous farmer of Hegins township; and James H. Dunkelberger, living on the homestead farm with his two sons, Harry and Ray.

John Dunkelberger, son of George, was born in the Mahantango Valley Sept. 16, 1806, and he died March 23, 1892, aged eighty-five years, six months and seven days. He was a farmer and lived in Rockefeller township, near the Shamokin township line. His farm consisted of 212 acres, upon which he built two barns, rebuilt the present house, rebuilt the sawmill and erected all the other buildings now standing. This farm is now owned by John Erdman. John Dunkelberger was a short, stout man and was known as "Der dick John," or "Sawmiller John." He married Lydia, daughter of Daniel Beisel, born April 14, 1811, and died Nov. 30, 1890, aged seventy-nine years, seven months and sixteen days. John and Lydia Dunkelberger are buried at Dunkelberger's graveyard, at what was formerly known as the "White Church," in Rockefeller. They were the last members of this church. John Dunkelberger gave the ground for this church and graveyard, and was one of its foremost members. They had fifteen children, all deceased, save two, Jeremiah, of Holt Co., Mo.; and Jesiah.

JESIAH DUNKELBERGER, son of John, is a citizen of Rockefeller township. Born Jan. 16, 1849, on his father's homestead, he was reared there, and here spent his entire life. He worked for his parents until he was twenty-one, then for three years farmed the homestead for a quarter share of his father's stock. After that he began with his own stock for one-half interest, which he did for three more years. He then labored one year when he purchased a farm of nearly forty acres in Lower Augusta, living there one year. In 1877 he purchased his present farm of sixty-eight acres in Rockefeller township and built the present barn. He markets his produce at Shamokin.

Jesiah Dunkelberger was married in December, 1872, to Susan Raker, daughter of Solomon and

Elizabeth (Dornsife) Raker, of Rockefeller township. Their children were six in number, viz.: Irwin G., who married Ella Conrad, and lives at Kutztown, Pa.; Edwin G., Daisy and John E., who died young; S. Pearl, who married Harry Moyer, of Trevorton, Pa.; and Jesse E., who married Emma Riland, lives at home and has a son Harry J. Mr. Dunkelberger is a Republican, and served as supervisor for three years. He and his family are members of the Evangelical Church at Seven Points, where the United Evangelical Church is now located. Mrs. Dunkelberger was the granddaughter of Jacob Raker, who lived in Lower Augusta township. He was the father of William, George, Jacob, Solomon, Lovina (Mrs. George Long).

John (Johannes) Dunkelberger, known as "Little Johnny" (brother of George), the other son of John by his first marriage, was born in Northumberland county, Sept. 14, 1775. He died May 17, 1835, and was buried in Howerter cemetery in Upper Mahanoy township. He was a farmer and like his brother George settled in Mahantango Valley, in Mahanoy (now Lower Mahanoy) township, Northumberland county. He married Susanna Zimmermann, born in April, 1785, who died Jan. 19, 1860, and their children were: Daniel (settled in Mahantango Valley), Catharine (married a Mr. Knerr), George, John, Joseph, Magdaline, Susanna (married Abraham Howerter), Solomon and Elizabeth (married ——— Klock). George, John and Joseph are more fully mentioned below. Solomon, born in 1821, died in 1892, at Shamokin. He followed the tailor's trade. He married Elizabeth Wagner, born Feb. 17, 1823, died April 6, 1861, and they had five children, William, Jeremiah, Edmond, Ellen and Franklin. John Dunkelberger, the father, died May 17, 1835, in territory now embraced in Lower Mahanoy township. He had a tract of twenty-four acres of land when he died. His will, made May 5, 1835 (on record in Will Book III, page 200), was probated June 12, 1835. It was witnessed by George Haas and H. F. Heintzelman, and he names "my friends" Pete Fetterolf and John Maurer, Sr., as executors.

George Dunkelberger, son of John, was a well known farmer at Seven Points, in what is now Rockefeller township, where he lived and died. He married Kate Rebuck, and they had children as follows: George, Jonathan, Henry, Tobias, Susan, Kate, Harriet, Mary and Elizabeth.

JONATHAN DUNKELBERGER, son of George, was born July 1, 1843, at Seven Points, and died Aug. 21, 1909, at his home in Shamokin, being the first of his family to pass away. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm, where he not only learned agricultural work, but also the butcher's trade, following it successfully; he was in business as a butcher at Taylorsville and

Locust Dale, Pa., and at the latter place was also in the general store business for a time. On June 12, 1893, he moved to Shamokin, and from that time lived retired, occupying his home at No. 536 North Second street during the winter season and in the summers moving with his family to a farm at Seven Points which he had purchased. Mr. Dunkelberger was a man of upright life and high ideals, and for years was a prominent church worker, belonging to the United Evangelical Church, where he taught a class of young men in the Sunday-school. For one period of three years he missed but one Sunday at Sunday-school. He was a great Bible student and well versed in the Scriptures.

Mr. Dunkelberger married Susanna K. Kehler, and they had one daughter, Jennie, the deceased wife of Charles Geist, a young business man of Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Geist have one son, Paul Jonathan. Mrs. Dunkelberger still lives at the old home on Second street. She is a granddaughter of John Kehler who lived and died in the Mahantango Valley, as did also her father, John Kehler. The latter was a farmer. He married Kate Knerr, and to them were born the following children: Elias, Joseph, Frank, Joel John, Benjamin, Charles, Catharine (married Joseph Dreibelbis), Harriet (married Jacob Hepler) and Susanna (married Jonathan Dunkelberger), all now deceased but Mrs. Hepler and Mrs. Dunkelberger.

John Dunkelberger, son of John and brother of George and Joseph, was born in Mahantango Valley, in Upper Mahanoy township, and died in Shamokin township. He is buried at Dunkelberger's Evangelical Church, in Rockefeller township. He and another John Dunkelberger, with Henry Keiser and George Dunkelberger, built the "Dunkelberger Evangelical Church," in Rockefeller township. There is a graveyard, and there rest the founders of this house of worship. John Dunkelberger was a carpenter earlier in life, but later became a farmer, owning a 223-acre farm in Shamokin township. The old goat-skin deed of this land is still in the possession of Mr. William L. Dunkelberger, who is his son. This farm is now owned by Julius Behrent. Mr. Dunkelberger was an active member of his church and class leader and exhorter of the Evangelical Church which was named after his family. He was a slim, tall man. His wife was Christiana Geist, who died in her ninetieth year, her birth occurring Dec. 21, 1818, and her death May 18, 1907. They were the parents of nine children: (1) Lucinda married Elias Bingaman. (2) Lanah married William Klase. (3) Gabriel was born in 1841 and died in 1864. (4) Solomon married Lorinda Miller. (5) Simon married Mary Yordy. (6) John married Louisa Neidig. (7) Mariah married Cyrus Buntington. (8) Josiah, who is a

bachelor, is blind. He makes his home with his brother William L. (9) William L. is mentioned below.

WILLIAM L. DUNKELBERGER, son of John, resides at Seven Points, in Rockefeller township. He was born Aug. 20, 1858, in Shamokin township, where all his brothers and sisters were born. Reared on the farm he received his educational training in the local schools, and when eighteen years of age entered his apprenticeship in the carpenter's trade, serving three years, at Shamokin. He then farmed for two years, at County Line, for Elias Bingaman, went back to carpentering again for a short time, bought a 65-acre tract in Irish Valley and followed farming in connection with his carpenter work. He was thus occupied for sixteen years when he sold his tract and went to Rockefeller township, where he has an excellent tract of seventy acres at Seven Points.

William L. Dunkelberger was married three times, his first wife being a widow, Mrs. Catharine Underkoffler, and there were no children born to this marriage. He married (second) Viola Swank and they had two children, Versa, who married Bert German; and Roy, who married Bessie V. Reitz, and they live at Sunbury, where he follows the trade of baker. William L. Dunkelberger married (third) Almeritta Witmer, and their children are: Calvin, Howard, Ralph, Katie, Myrtle and Esther. Mr. Dunkelberger is active in the Dunkelberger Family Association, which holds annual reunions, the reunion of 1910 being held at Carsonia Park, Reading, Pa. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served as treasurer of Shamokin township for the school board, as a school director, and at one time was a delegate to the County Convention. He is active in the P. O. S. of A. at Seven Points, and frequently serves it as delegate. He is a member of the Evangelical Church at Seven Points, was class leader and exhorter for years and at present serves as superintendent of the Sunday-school and is very active in all church interests.

ROY O. DUNKELBERGER, who has been engaged in the bakery business at Sunbury, Northumberland county, since June, 1908, was born Nov. 19, 1887, in Irish Valley, Shamokin township, this county, son of William L. Dunkelberger and his second wife, Viola Swank. He obtained his education at the Swenk public school, in Irish Valley, meantime assisting with the farm work at home until he reached the age of fifteen years. At that time he went to Trevorton, where he worked in the coal mines about two years, and for the next three years he was engaged in threshing. In October, 1907, he came to Sunbury, where he worked for the Adams Express Company for a year and a half, on June 1, 1908, purchasing the stock, fixtures and good-will of F. A. Jacobs, in the bakery at No. 23 Packer street. He has continued the

business with such success that it has been necessary to enlarge the establishment, and he keeps three helpers and two teams busy, selling about six hundred loaves of bread daily, besides a large variety of other bakery goods. He now owns his place of business and residence and has his affairs in prosperous condition, his thrifty management having brought excellent results. Mr. Dunkelberger is connected with several insurance companies in Sunbury. He is a respected young business man of the borough, and has attained a substantial position through his own efforts.

On May 27, 1908, Mr. Dunkelberger married Bessie V. Reitz, daughter of U. P. Reitz, of Seven Points, this county. They worship at the First United Evangelical Church of Sunbury.

Joseph Dunkelberger, son of John, and brother of George and John, was born in the Lower Mahanoy Valley and died there at the age of eighty-four years, eleven months; he is buried at Union Church in Upper Mahantango Valley. He followed farming and also did carpenter work. His wife was Rachel Federolf and their children were: Elias, born Sept. 24, 1844, who died Oct. 2, 1870, in Schuylkill county, and is buried at the Little Mahanoy Church; Henry, now living retired in the Mahantango Valley, who owned the old homestead for several years; Esther, who married William Kerstetter; Isaac, deceased; Lucetta, who died young; Mary, who married David Mowery; Joseph, deceased; Simon F.; Hannah, who died young; Susanna, who died young; and a son that died in infancy.

SIMON F. DUNKELBERGER, son of Joseph, was born April 20, 1855, in the Mahantango Valley, in Schuylkill county, and lived upon the farm until he reached the age of twenty-two years.

In 1877 he came to Shamokin and took up the plastering trade, which he has since continued to follow, having engaged in the business as a contractor on his own account in 1887. He now employs from five to twelve men, according to the work he has in hand, and he has plastered many dwellings in the borough in his day. His work is high class, and he deserves the large share of the local patronage which comes to him.

On July 21, 1878, Mr. Dunkelberger married Helena Wetzel, daughter of Daniel and Kate (Kehler) Wetzel, and five children have been born to them, namely: Estella, married to Harry Renn; Walter, a traveling salesman, now of Williamsport, Pa., married Anna Willauer; Joseph, of Philadelphia; Mabel, who graduated from the Shamokin high school with the class of 1911; and Goldie, at school. The family reside at No. 630 West Penn street, Shamokin. Mr. Dunkelberger has long been an active member of the United Evangelical Church, in which he has held the responsible positions of class-leader and trustee for twenty years.

About 1780 another branch of the family at Hamburg moved to Perry county, Pa., and some of these later moved to near Niagara Falls, N. Y. One descendant of this branch was a delegate to the Republican National Convention held in Philadelphia, when McKinley was nominated for President the second time.

Another branch moved to Oley township, near Reading, and at the present time quite a number live in the city of Reading. In language the Dunkelbergers are mostly Pennsylvania German.

As the early members of the family, who suffered so severely during the 'Thirty Years' war, showed their love for right and liberty by their active participation in that struggle, so the descendants in this country have shown their loyalty and patriotism by supporting our struggles in the cause of independence. Some took part in the Revolutionary war, and quite a number were in the Civil war on the Union side. Some were killed in battle, and some were wounded, notable among the latter number being Capt. Isaac R. Dunkelberger (son of Solomon Dunkelberger and grandson of John D. Dunkelberger), of the 1st Pennsylvania Infantry, who enlisted April 20, 1861, and served during the war, was twice wounded, promoted for bravery, and continued in the army until placed on the retired list by the Government in 1901 as captain of cavalry, U. S. A. He resides at present in California.

In the direct line of William S. Dunkelberger and Luther L. Dunkelberger, both of Shamokin, Northumberland county, Henry Dunkelberger (grandfather of the former and great-grandfather of the latter) was born May 4, 1791. He was an early resident of Shamokin, where he had his home for some time, but later moved West, dying in June, 1875, in Starke county, Ind., where he is buried. He was twice married, and by his second wife, Leah, born Dec. 5, 1799, had children born as follows: Elizabeth, Oct. 29, 1823; Daniel, Sept. 24, 1826; Hannah, Nov. 5, 1828; Benjamin, Nov. 2, 1834; Joel, June 14, 1836; George W., May 9, 1840; Matilda, Jan. 1, 1843.

John Dunkelberger, only child of Henry by his first marriage, was born June 8, 1816, on Scotch Hill, at Shamokin, in Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, in a little log cabin which is still standing. His mother dying when he was a child, he lived with his grandparents in Mahantango until he was thirteen, at which age he returned to his native place, spending the remainder of his days there. His association with its business and political interests made him one of the best known citizens of the place, useful, progressive, respected and active to the close of his long life. His early days were spent upon the farm. He was engaged upon the building of the Pennsylvania railroad between Shamokin and Sunbury, worked

in the mines, and later carried on the coal mining business in partnership with Reuben and William Fagely, continuing in this line for some time, but finally disposing of his interest therein to Withington Lake. The firm name was changed to John Dunkelberger & Co., who engaged in the mercantile business, and after his withdrawal from this line Mr. Dunkelberger became associated with the Shamokin Water Company, on June 5, 1876, succeeding Daniel Zuern as superintendent. He continued to hold that position, also acting as secretary of the company, until April, 1886, proving competent as well as faithful in the discharge of his important duties. Having an intimate knowledge of the affairs of the company, his valuable services were highly appreciated, but he resigned at the time named because he felt that it was due to himself to withdraw from active affairs. His resignation was accepted with regret by the board of directors. However, he did not give up all responsibility, as he was appointed tax collector for the borough just a few weeks before his death. He had served in other official capacities, having been elected Dec. 2, 1864, to a seat in the first council upon the incorporation of the borough, and he was re-elected at the spring election following. He was the second notary public commissioned in the borough. Mr. Dunkelberger was a Republican in political conviction. His death, which occurred May 30, 1889, at Milton, this county, removed a citizen who had witnessed and aided the growth of Shamokin from the days of its earliest infancy, for the site of the borough was little more than a mountain forest and a valley of swamp at the time of his birth. In those days wild animals, panthers, bear and deer, were still numerous in the region. And here he lived and labored to the end of his span, passing the three-score years and ten, with but a brief absence—the few months he spent in Indiana. He had moved out to that State in 1875, for the purpose of settling, and bought a farm, but love for the scenes of his early home was too strong and he returned the same year. About a week before his death he had gone with his daughter, Mrs. Phillips, of North Judson, Ind., to visit relatives in the neighborhood of Milton, when he was suddenly taken with his fatal illness. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Dunkelberger was married three times. On Aug. 14, 1836, he married Mary Gass, born Feb. 7, 1815, who died Oct. 11, 1866. She was a daughter of John Gass (died Oct. 8, 1861, aged seventy-four years) and his wife Margaret (died April 17, 1864, aged seventy-three years). To this union were born ten children, viz.: Salome, born Feb. 13, 1837, died March 22, 1837; Sarah E. married Jefferson Bare; Henry, born Dec. 26, 1840, died Dec. 28, 1893; Mahalia, born Aug. 28, 1842, married Charles Krieger; Susanna, born Jan. 26, 1844,

married Andrew Kreiger, (second) Thomas Hughes and (third) William Gilbert; Amanda, born March 24, 1846, married Francis Moore; Mary J., born Aug. 27, 1848, died Aug. 29, 1849; William S., born Dec. 12, 1850, is mentioned below; John A., born April 17, 1854; Margaret L., born June 27, 1858, married John R. Phillips.

Mr. Dunkelberger married (second) Lavina Gass and (third) the widow of John Van Zant.

Henry Dunkelberger, son of John, born Dec. 26, 1840; learned the butcher's trade and followed it for some time, later engaging in the hotel and restaurant business. He died in Shamokin Dec. 28, 1893. He married Hannah Huld, and to them were born children as follows: Luther L., Clinton (deceased), Clara (wife of Frank Kerstetter) and Bessie (who married Michael Slater).

LUTHER L. DUNKELBERGER, son of Henry, was born in Shamokin in 1868 and there received his education in the public schools. All his active years have been spent in the restaurant business, and since 1905 he has been manager for Emanuel Malich, at the West End Cafe. He is very well known in Shamokin, both in his business relations and as a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Knights of Pythias; he also belongs to the Friendship Fire Company and to the Veteran Firemen's Association. The family are Lutherans in religious connection. Mr. Dunkelberger's responsible position speaks for his business ability and integrity, and his personal standing is also high.

WILLIAM S. DUNKELBERGER, son of John, was born in Shamokin Dec. 12, 1850, and there received his education in the public schools. He worked in the mines for a time, and when seventeen years old commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in all for twenty-three years, for about seventeen years of this time being located at Pine Run, in Lycoming county. He then came to Shamokin, in 1891 opening his restaurant, which is the largest and best place of the kind in the city. He occupies the premises at Nos. 105-107 East Independence street, Shamokin, where he has become one of the substantial business men.

Mr. Dunkelberger married Mary E. Lush, who was born July 17, 1851, daughter of Jacob Lush, of Lycoming county, Pa.; she died June 20, 1901, the mother of the following children: Thomas E., born Dec. 10, 1871; Harry Warren, Aug. 30, 1873; Ernst D., Aug. 15, 1875; John H., July 19, 1877; Joseph M., June 5, 1879, died April 19, 1911; Jacob A., Feb. 11, 1881; David M., Aug. 27, 1885; William, Aug. 20, 1887 (died Sept. 27, 1887).

Mr. Dunkelberger is a member of the Knights of Malta and of the Jr. O. U. A. M. He was one of the organizers of the Dunkelberger family association, and served some time as its treasurer. He is a Republican in political views, and in religion a member of the United Evangelical Church.

JOHN HENRY DUNKELBERGER, son of William S., was born July 19, 1877, at Salladasburg, Lycoming county, Pa. He was twelve years old when his father brought the family to Shamokin to reside, and his education, begun in the public schools of his early home, was continued in this borough. He attended the high school and later the Shamokin Business College, from which he was graduated in the commercial course, subsequently taking a course at the Williamsport Commercial College, from which he was also graduated. After working one summer at Eagle's Mere, Sullivan county, he went to Philadelphia, in 1900, there finding employment on the *Evening Telegraph*. He remained in that city until his return to Shamokin in 1903, at which time he became a clerk for Senator W. C. McConnell, one of the most prominent business men of Shamokin. So capable did he prove that in 1906 he was given full charge of the office. Mr. Dunkelberger is secretary of the Union Brick Company of Shamokin, and he is considered one of the rising business men of that borough, where he has made an excellent name for himself by able and diligent service in the discharge of his various responsibilities.

On Jan. 30, 1901, Mr. Dunkelberger married Emma M. Thomas, daughter of William B. and Elizabeth (Hudson) Thomas, and they have one child, Marion Elizabeth. The family are Methodists in religious connection. Mr. Dunkelberger is a member of the Royal Arcanum and a Republican in politics.

NELSON M. SMITH, M. D., of South Danville, Northumberland county, has practiced medicine at his present location since 1882, and has built up a wide clientele, having high professional and personal standing all over the adjacent territory. He is a native of Trevorton, this county, born Aug. 12, 1857, and belongs to a family which has been settled in this region for several generations. He is a descendant of Ulitt Smith, who lived in Morristown, N. J., and there married Delilah Morris, a member of the family after which Morristown was named. They were the parents of Morris Smith, grandfather of Dr. Nelson M. Smith. About 1790 this family probably along with other families who came to Northumberland county, Pa., from New Jersey, left the old home in Morristown and settled in the Irish Valley, in what is now Shamokin township, where Morris Smith became a well known resident. He followed milling throughout his active life.

Dr. Samuel S. Smith, son of Morris Smith, was born in 1828 in Shamokin township, and there obtained his early education. When he reached maturity he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Joseph C. Robbins, who for more than forty years was located at Elysburg. A few years later he entered the University of

Pennsylvania, where he studied for two years, graduating from that institution. He then located at Hartleton, Union Co., Pa., where he met with marked success in his profession, but after a few years he moved thence to Trevorton, where he built up a large practice. His career was cut short by his early death, which occurred in 1862, in the thirty-fourth year of his age. He married Sarah Reed, daughter of Matthias and Priscilla (Farnsworth) Reed, and granddaughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dreher) Reed, whose family is fully mentioned in the sketch of Servitus O. Reed, elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Sarah (Reed) Smith married William Depuy in 1871, his death occurring in 1873. She still survives, making her home at Riverside. Six children were born to Dr. Samuel S. and Sarah (Reed) Smith: Galen R., who lives in Virginia; Nelson M.; William R., who lives in Washington; Clinton S., of Riverside, Pa.; Laura, who married Dr. D. C. Kline, of Reading, Pa.; and Clara, who married Lafayette Sechler, of Riverside.

Nelson M. Smith attended the public schools of Northumberland county and later the Danville Academy, Bloomsburg State normal school and Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., after which he took up the study of medicine with Dr. Pursell, of Danville. Entering the University of Pennsylvania, he there completed the medical course in 1882, since which time he has been located in South Danville, which lies just east of the borough of Riverside. He at once built an office on Sunbury street, and met with gratifying success from the start, enjoying a wide patronage, which he has held by his skillful treatment and conscientious devotion to the needs of his patients. Personally he is esteemed by all who come in contact with him, in any of the relations of life, and he is looked upon as one of the most useful and influential citizens of the community. He is a member of the Montour County Medical Society and of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society.

On Jan. 29, 1885, Dr. Smith married Lillian Gearhart, and they occupy a fine home on Gearhart street. Dr. Smith owns considerable real estate in his own village, and he is the manager of the Depew and Gearhart estates, in which capacity he has shown marked business ability. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and fraternally is a Mason, holding membership in Danville Lodge, No. 516.

The Gearhart family, to which Mrs. Smith belongs, is one of the oldest and most prominent in this part of Pennsylvania. Capt. Jacob Gearhart, her great-grandfather, was born in Strasburg, then a city of France, now of Germany, in 1735. In 1754 he came to America, settling in Hunterdon county, N. J. In New Jersey he married Katherine Kline. When the Revolutionary war broke out he enlisted, becoming a sergeant in

the 2d Regiment of volunteers of Hunterdon county, N. J., was soon promoted to ensign and in time reached the rank of captain. In 1776, when Washington crossed the Delaware to attack the Hessian troops then encamped at Trenton, Captain Gearhart was detailed with Captain Van Tenye to take charge of the boats with orders to destroy them should the expedition prove a failure. Captain Gearhart was with Washington at Valley Forge and took part in the battle of the Brandywine. In 1790 Captain Gearhart, with his wife and family, left the old home in Hunterdon county, N. J., and journeyed by means of horses and wagons into central Pennsylvania, encountering many difficulties and hardships on the trip. Upon reaching a point near a spring in what is now Gearhart township, Northumberland county, they found a deserted log cabin in which they stopped to rest. The water was of such excellent quality, and the land apparently so fertile, that Captain Gearhart decided to locate there, and he purchased a tract upon which he settled. He at once began to clear this land with the help of his sons, and prospered so well that from time to time he was able to add to his holdings, until at the time of his death, which occurred in 1813, he owned all the land from Kipp's run to Boyd's, for a mile back from the banks of the Susquehanna river. He built a frame house upon a slight elevation overlooking the river, and it is still standing and in a good state of preservation, although about one hundred and twenty years old. Here his granddaughter, now (1910) in her ninetieth year, resides. His family consisted of eleven children, namely: (1) Jacob, born in 1763, died at the age of seventy-eight. He married Margaret Runkill, and they had a son John, born in September, 1789. The latter married Sophia Brown, and their children were born as follows: Jacob S., 1818; Sarah, Jan. 17, 1821; Margaret, April 22, 1823 (married I. H. Torrence); Mary B., Sept. 15, 1825; Henry T., Aug. 7, 1829; Jesse B., May 17, 1833. (2) Herman, born in 1765, was the grandfather of Mrs. Nelson M. Smith. (3) William, born in 1776, died in 1854. He married Sarah Maclay. (4) George married Achie Runyan, by whom he had children: Bonham R., Benjamin, Eliza and Rebecca. His second wife was Phoebe Lutt, and they had three children, Alice, George and Herman. (5) John, born in 1771, died in 1858. To him and his wife Ann (Cool) were born eight children: Annie E., who married Wilson Mettler and had children, Sarah (Mrs. Hoffman), Susan M. (Mrs. Hugh Vastine), Spencer C. (married Anna Brandon) and Anna; Tunis, who moved to Iowa; Jacob, who moved to Ohio; William; John, who moved to Union county, Pa.; Sarah; Catharine, and Elizabeth. (6) Benjamin. (7) Elizabeth married Jacob Depew. (8) Margaret married John Gullick. (9) Kate married Asa Moore. (10)

Charles married Sarah Ephland and they had three children: Charles Perry, born Jan. 18, 1818, married in December, 1850, Agnes Blue, daughter of Isaiah and Agnes Blue, and their six children were Arthur C. (who died unmarried), Amanda (Mrs. S. M. Oberdorf), Edith (who married Philip W. Mettler and had Charles G., a captain in the United States army; Agnes, wife of John Smith; Edith; Alice; John, and Catharine), Mary Alice (Mrs. E. M. Eckman), Charles P. and Gertrude (Mrs. George H. Sonneborn). Samantha married Thomas Jameson and had four children: Charles, who married Mary Lyon and had Nellie (Mrs. H. Billmeyer), Thomas (married Alice Kardisky) and Louis (who married V. V. Hideker and later Elizabeth Laubach); Helen, unmarried; Arthur, deceased; and Frank, who married Alice Richards and had children Mary and Catharine. Arthur and his wife Lucy had four children, Arthur, Annie, William (married Lena Harman) and Sarah (who married Samuel Detwiler and had children Lucy and Clara). (11) Isaac moved to Ohio.

Herman Gearhart, son of Capt. Jacob, born in 1765, died aged eighty-one years. He married Abigail Baylor and they were the parents of the following children: Mary, who married Henry Yorks and had Clinton, Amanda, and Ellen, who married David Unger; George, who moved to Ohio (he had two sons and two daughters); Margaret, who married Jonas Wolfe and had Donald, Gearhart, Willington, and three daughters; Jacob, deceased, who never married; Daniel, who married Sarah Koons; William, who died unmarried; Hannah, who lives at Riverside, now (1910) aged eighty-nine years; Elizabeth, Ellen, Susan and Katie, all of whom died unmarried; and Peter.

Peter Gearhart, son of Herman, married Celestia Koup, and to them were born three children: George; Gertrude, Mrs. Charles Chaffont; and Lillian, who married Dr. Nelson M. Smith.

THOMAS P. BOUGHNER, farmer of Ralpho township, Northumberland county, is a member of a family whose name has been intimately connected with the progress of that district for several generations. He is a great-grandson of John Boughner, a native of Hunterdon county, N. J., who in 1814 removed to what is now Snyderstown, in Shamokin township, Northumberland Co., Pa. The same year he enlisted and served a short time on the northern frontier in a company organized at Snyderstown among his neighbors in Shamokin and Rush townships in defense of Erie. He was a tanner by trade, and after his settlement at Snyderstown engaged in the carpenter business, continuing to follow same until his death. He also lived in Milton and Shamokin for some time, but died at Snyderstown. He was looked upon as one of the enterprising men of his day, and filled

a number of the minor township offices. In politics he was a Republican. To him and his wife Margaret (Koleker), also a native of New Jersey, were born six children: Peter; Mahlon, deceased; Charity, who was the second wife of Jonas Gilger; Susanna, who was the first wife of Jonas Gilger; Andrew Jackson, deceased; and William, deceased.

Peter Boughner, son of John, was born Jan. 23, 1816, at Snyderstown, and received such education as the subscription schools of the day afforded. After learning the carpenter's trade with his father he settled at Shamokin and engaged in railroad work. The railroad company later placed him in charge of repairs and construction from Sunbury to Mount Carmel. When the Shamokin Valley & Pottsville railroad, later the Shamokin division of the Northern Central, was extended from Shamokin to Mount Carmel, he and Mr. John Dunkelberger were associated in the work of laying the rails between those points, under contract. In 1850 he was placed in charge of grading and constructing the streets of Trevorton, but with the exception of the period of eighteen months he was thus engaged he was continuously in the employ of the Northern Central Railway Company for thirty years. As member of the firm of Boughner & Gilger, who built the first breaker at the Luke Fidler mine, and of the firm of Cleaver & Boughner, who built the first two at Locust Gap, he was also associated with another industry which played a most important part in the development of this rich section. Upon his retirement from active business pursuits he purchased the farm in Ralpho township where he resided up to the time of his death, in 1897. He was one of the leading pioneers of Shamokin, and one of the last survivors of the first settlers of the borough. His intimate connection with its affairs through so long a period, and his intelligent comprehension of the changes which took place during his life, were so well recognized that he is spoken of as being consulted regarding dates and localities to verify points concerning local history. Shortly after his death one of the newspapers published an interview which took place in 1890 and which is quoted in part here as being of considerable interest in this connection:

"While yet a mere boy I commenced to work with my father at the carpenter trade, but work was scarce, the times were dull, and little or no money was paid. In 1832 work was started on grading some twelve miles of the Danville & Pottsville railroad between Mount Carbon and Girardville. This was commonly called the 'Girard Road,' as Stephen Girard had the principal interest in the construction of this part of the eastern division. In the early part of 1833 I went to work on this line and got my first lesson in railroad making. It was a good place to learn the business and what I picked up here served me well in

after years when I became railroad boss and supervisor. I was then a boy of seventeen years, but large for my age. I was given different kinds of work and as I was handy and showed a willingness to work I was soon favored with jobs that required some skill. My knowledge of the carpenter trade helped me very much.

"This railroad of twelve miles, crossing over the Broad Mountain direct, was at that time one of the greatest undertakings in the country. It was under the charge of Moncure Robinson, then the greatest railroad engineer in this country. This 'Girard Road,' with its heavy masonry, complicated structures and many planes; its hoisting machinery, bridges and a tunnel of 800 feet, was a wonderful feat in engineering if not entirely satisfactory in all its workings. A number of persons afterward residents of Shamokin worked here. Among these I can recall George Shipe, Jacob Mowery and Mr. Katterman, and also Ziba Bird, a contractor, who a few years later was connected with laying out Shamokin and putting up the first house in the town proper. And here also was a boy, some two years older than myself, connected with the engineer force, as a peg driver and later as a rodsman, who a few years later was to become the great engineer of the Shamokin coal region. This was Kimber Cleaver, and here a friendship was formed that was never broken and in after years we were associated in several business undertakings. At the close of 1833 the Girard portion of the road was finished and I returned to Snyder-town. It was generally understood that the western division of the D. & P. railroad, between Sunbury and Shamokin, would be commenced the next year.

"Early in the spring of 1834 work was commenced on this branch. Here there was a natural location for a railroad, as the route followed the water courses and therefore much labor and expense were avoided. The entire roadbed from Sunbury to Shamokin and one mile beyond, some twenty miles in length, was graded about August 1st, 1835. A large force was employed and a number of Irish from the public works came on this job to handle the pick, shovel and wheelbarrow. When the grading was started I went on as a common laborer at first, as the wages on the road were much better than I could get elsewhere. I was soon promoted as it was evident that I had some experience in that kind of work. Here I again met my friend Cleaver on the engineer corps, who was now promoted to the use of an instrument. * * * The roadbed was graded 22 feet wide, being intended for a double track when the second one was needed. This permitted a space of 5 feet between the tracks. The track we put down was on the north side of the roadbed. While the road was being graded, the bridges that were to span Shamokin creek at four or five points were

put up. They were models of good workmanship for those times. It was then decided, as the basin at Sunbury to connect with the Pennsylvania canal had not been finished, the railroad should only be completed to Paxinos, and the remainder of graded road when the basin was prepared for coal shipments. During August the work of superstructure, as it was then termed, was commenced in good earnest and pushed ahead with all possible dispatch. Why there was so much haste I really cannot tell. Sills by the thousands were hauled on the ground, that had been hewed by such of the neighboring farmers along the line as had suitable timber. All the sawmills far and near were working day and night in sawing white oak rails for the track, and strap iron, imported from England (no tariff then), was distributed along the whole line. In three months the road was completed between Sunbury and Paxinos, ready for the cars to run. The formal opening of the road took place on Nov. 26, 1835, at Paxinos. * * * I acted as foreman in putting down the track, and here my knowledge of the carpenter trade and the experience I had gained on the Girard road stood me well in hand." The remainder of the interview was devoted to a description of the manner in which a track was laid before the modern days of T rails and other up-to-date devices.

In 1837 Mr. Boughner married Margaret Repley, daughter of John Repley, and she died long before him, in 1877. They had the following children: Henry R., a resident of Shamokin, married Sarah Lake, and they have had children, Edwin, Emily, Libby, Edna, Ethel, and Mabel (the last named deceased); Joseph R. is mentioned below: John R. died in Shamokin; Catharine married James A. Shipp and is deceased; Lucy A. married A. Hoffman Reed, of Paxinos; Somerfield married Emma Snyder. Mr. Boughner was one of the charter members of the Odd Fellows and Freemasons lodges at Shamokin. In political sentiment he was a Republican.

Joseph R. Boughner, son of Peter, was born in 1840 in Shamokin, and died Feb. 5, 1907, aged sixty-six years, three months, one day. He is buried at Oak Grove Church, in Ralpho township. Mr. Boughner passed his early years in Shamokin and was employed at railroad work with his father, later, in July, 1862, going to Ohio. There, on July 29, 1862, he married Sarah Tanneyhill, daughter of Rev. Thomas Tanneyhill, of Scotland, and they remained in the West until 1864, in which year they settled at Shamokin. Mr. Boughner was track foreman on the railroad until 1867, later followed farming, and subsequently engaged in the manufacture of powder in partnership with Samuel Frederick, continuing in that business until 1875. Selling his mill and farm interests to a Mr. Weldy he went out to Goshen, Ind., where he was located from October, 1875, until

1876, in which year he embarked in the general merchandise business at Montandon, Northumberland Co., Pa., in association with O. B. Hoffman. There he remained until his removal to Juniata county, Pa., in 1878. After a year in the mercantile business there he bought the John Repley farm in Ralpho township, Northumberland county, in 1879, and there he afterward resided, engaging in farming until his death. He had seventy-four acres of land. For some time Mr. Boughner was also in the slating business in Shamokin. He was a Methodist in religion and served as steward of his church. Fraternally he was a Mason, holding membership in Elysburg Lodge, No. 414. In politics he adhered to the doctrines of the Republican party.

Mrs. Boughner died Jan. 14, 1890, aged fifty-five years, ten months, nineteen days, and is buried at Oak Grove church. They had four children: Clark, who died in infancy and was buried in Ohio; Annie M., who lives on the homestead; Thomas P., our subject; and Margaret E., who died in infancy.

Thomas P. Boughner, son of Joseph R. Boughner, was born March 7, 1868, in Shamokin township, and attended public school in his boyhood. He was with his father in his various removals, and was eleven years old when he came to the homestead at the Blue church where he has remained to the present. He is an intelligent and prosperous farmer, and a worthy member of a respected family.

Mr. Boughner married Lydia Adams, daughter of Daniel H. and Sarah A. (Pensyl) Adams, and their children are, Clarence and Frank. Mr. Boughner is a member of the Oak Grove M. E. Church, and socially belongs to the P. O. S. of A.

BENJAMIN F. DEPPEN, one of the foremost business men at Trevorton, is the leading merchant of that town and variously identified with its industrial progress. He established his general store there in 1889. Mr. Deppen was born in Jackson township, this county, in 1847. The history of his family in this country goes back to the early part of the eighteenth century.

Christian Deppen, the founder of this family in Pennsylvania, came hither from the German Palatinate, arriving (qualifying) at Philadelphia Sept. 16, 1736. He crossed the ocean on the vessel "Princess Augusta" from Rotterdam, Samuel Merchant, master, along with a number of others from the Palatinate, their wives and children—in all three hundred souls, according to the historian Rupp. On the "List of Ship's Foreigners" his name is given as Christian Däppen, and his age as thirty years. In the Captain's book his name appears as Christian Teppe. In his will his name is written, in plain English, Christian Deppe. Thus we find that there has been considerable un-

certainty concerning the correct orthography of the name. It appears often as Deppe, Depew and Dupee, and some genealogists declare its original form to have been that of the old French Huguenot name, DePui.

Christian Deppen settled near Womelsdorf, in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa. In the tax lists of Heidelberg township Christian "Deppy" is assessed as follows: 1767, on 300 acres, 3 horses, 3 cattle, 3 sheep; 1768, on 150 (?) acres, 4 horses, 4 cattle, 5 sheep; 1779, on 220 acres, 5 horses, 15 cattle; 1780, on 395 acres, 5 horses, 12 cattle; 1781, on 395 acres, 5 horses, 8 cattle. The will of Christian Deppe, of Heidelberg township, is on record in the Berks county courthouse, as made Sept. 27, 1775, and probated in 1782, the year of his death. It was witnessed by Philip Moyer, John Casper Reed and Adam Kalbach, and it begins thus: "I, Christian Deppe, an aged yeoman of Heidelberg township, Berks County." As the will contains no reference to his wife, it is presumed she was dead at the time it was made. At the time of his death Christian Deppe also owned fifty acres of land in Northampton county. In his will he refers to his "eldest and beloved son, Johannes, who shall have fifty pounds over and above his other share." His children as named in the will were: Johannes; Barbara (married Peter Zimmerman); Anna (married George Yeakly); Treanic; Elizabeth; Thomas; Peter; David, who died in 1804 (his German will is on record in Berks county courthouse); Joseph; Jacob; and Abraham, who died in 1840 intestate, and whose heir was Richard Boone, of Heidelberg.

Joseph Deppy (one of the older sons of the pioneer Christian) in the Federal Census Report of 1790 is recorded as a resident of Heidelberg township, and as the head of a family consisting of himself, wife and three sons above sixteen years of age.

Christian, Peter, William and George Deppen, natives of Berks county, were pioneers of Northumberland county. They located in that section now embraced in Jackson and Washington townships; in 1778 the name of Christian Deppen appears in the list of pioneers of Mahanoy township (both Jackson and Washington were originally embraced in Mahanoy township). This Christian Deppen and Peter Deppen, who were pioneers in Northumberland county, tradition states were sons of the ancestor Christian Deppy. The name of Peter is found in the will, but Christian is said to have been a heavy drinker, and poor probably on that account, and for this reason he was not mentioned in his father's will. He was unlike his brothers. Early in the nineteenth century he went to Mercer county, Pa., where he died. He was married three times, and among his children were a son Washington and a daughter Betsy.

Peter Deppen came, as stated, from Berks to

Northumberland county, and after living there a short period went to Ohio, finally settling in Missouri, where he was a prosperous farmer. His descendants in Missouri and the West are said to be many. Among his children were sons Zetic and Andrew.

William and George Deppen, mentioned above as having settled in Northumberland county, were grandsons of the ancestor Christian, through his oldest son, John, and from these two spring all the Deppens now living in Northumberland county.

Whether Christian Deppy, the ancestor, was a Roman Catholic or not is uncertain, but tradition states that he was. His son Joseph was a Catholic, as were the latter's children, and a number of the family still adhere to that faith. Most of the name now living in Reading are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church. There were sixteen persons by the name of Deppen in the Reading city directory for 1908.

George Deppen, one of the two grandsons of Christian mentioned as settling in Northumberland county, was born June 21, 1787, in Berks county, Pa., and in 1810 came to Northumberland county with his brother William, as previously stated. He was a lifelong farmer, and upon his removal from his native county settled on the farm now owned by Isaac Tressler, a tract one and a half miles north of Herndon. This place he sold, and purchased an adjoining farm, on which stood a gristmill. From the latter property he removed to the farm now owned by his grandson, Samuel Deppen, a fine place of fully 200 acres in Jackson township. He died Feb. 7, 1850, and his wife, Maria Madg. Greise, a native of Berks county, born April 3, 1785, long survived him, dying Aug. 11, 1869. They are buried at St. Peter's church, in Mahanoy township. He and his family were Reformed members of St. Peter's, which was a Union Church, and he served as an official; he was an old-line Whig in political opinion. To Mr. and Mrs. Deppen were born four children: Rebecca, who married John Haas, of Sunbury; William; John, who died at Herndon; and Isaac, who spent most of his life at Herndon and died in Snyder county, Pennsylvania.

William Deppen, eldest son of George, born in 1814, was a merchant in Jackson township and at other places in this county for forty years, at one time owned much real estate, and was a prominent man in his section. He engaged in the mercantile business at Augustaville when a young man, and was subsequently at Mahanoy, in Jackson township, for eighteen years. In the spring of 1860 he located at Trevorton, where he was a merchant for about two years, until his retirement from business. He died Jan. 8, 1876, and is buried at Mahanoy, in Jackson township. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and a Republican in politics. His wife, Susan Lantz, who sur-

vived him, was of Lower Augusta township, this county, and to them were born children as follows: Mary, Samuel, William (all three died young), Benjamin F., George W., Richard L. (of Shamokin) and Sarah A. (living in Trevorton on the old homestead). George W. Deppen, who was cashier of the First National Bank of Sunbury, died in January, 1909.

Benjamin F. Deppen attended the schools of the home locality, later Millersville State normal school, at Lancaster, Pa. Having been appointed agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company at Trevorton, he filled that position continuously for twenty years, and as such became one of the best known men of this district. In 1889 he began what has proved to be a highly successful business career, opening the general store at Trevorton which he has since conducted, and which he moved to its present location in 1898. He has the principal trade of the kind in the town, his patrons coming from a wide area. Business has occupied all his attention, his interests having broadened until he is now identified with a number of enterprises. He is a trustee of the Trevorton Silk Mills, and a director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Shamokin, and in 1910 he succeeded the late Charles Fritz in his connection with the First National Bank of Trevorton. Mr. Deppen is a Republican, but takes no part in politics.

Mr. Deppen's first wife, Susan (Herb), daughter of Daniel Herb, of the Mahantango Valley, died in 1888, at the age of thirty-eight. In 1893 Mr. Deppen married (second) Louisa Leitenberger, daughter of Charles Leitenberger, who was killed at Minersville, Pa., by the kick of a horse. Four children were born to Mr. Deppen's first marriage, namely: Laura M.; Susan M.; Samuel H., born in 1876, who died in 1905 (he married Mamie Holshue and they had two children, William Frank and Donald H.); and William Ralph, who married Eva Kline and has two children, Russell G. and William Robert.

ROCKEFELLER. The Rockefeller family has long been well represented among the best class of citizens in Northumberland county, and one of the townships of the county bears the name, which was founded here by Godfrey Rockefeller, from whom David P. and Emery Rockefeller, brothers, of Sunbury, are descended in the fifth generation.

The Rockefeller family traces its beginning in America to one Peter Rockefeller, who was born in Europe and in 1710 emigrated to America, settling at Amwell, Hunterdon Co., N. J. He died there about 1740, leaving to his son, who was also named Peter, 763 acres of land in the county mentioned.

Godfrey Rockefeller, born in 1747, was a son of Peter Rockefeller (?). He came to Northum-

berland county, Pa., in 1789, and took up land in the vicinity of Snyderstown. He married Margaret Lewis, and they had a family of eleven children, three sons and eight daughters. One of the sons was the grandfather of John D. Rockefeller, of Standard Oil fame. The other two were John and William, the former the great-grandfather of David P. and Emery Rockefeller, of Sunbury, the latter the father of David (born Sept. 6, 1802) and grandfather of Judge William M. Rockefeller (born Aug. 18, 1830), who married Emily Jones, daughter of Thomas and Maria (Housel) Jones, of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

John Rockefeller, son of Godfrey, was the great-grandfather of David P. and Emery Rockefeller.

John Rockefeller, the grandfather, was killed on his way home from Reading, at a time when much of the country was still a wilderness. He married Elizabeth Moore, and they were the parents of Lewis Rockefeller, their other children being as follows: Henry married Elizabeth Morgan and had five children, John, James, Jacob, Franklin and Harriet (Mrs. John Gulick); Michael never married; David was twice married his first wife being Isabella Campbell; John married Harriet Kneiss and had five children, Alice (wife of Rev. John Bowman), Caroline (Mrs. Woods), Anne (wife of Jacob Frye), Elizabeth (wife of Jesse Cleaver) and Ella (Mrs. Sanders); Mary married George Bassett and had six children, Lucy, Alda, Ruth, Maggie, Elizabeth and George; Esther married Isaac Eckman and had five children, Col. Charles (married Sophia Gearhart), David (married Ella Wolfe and had children, Franklin, Alfred, Dyer and Ethel), Elizabeth (married first Oscar Heller and second Joseph Bonner), Harriet (married George Mettler and had two children, Ella and Susan) and Lewis.

Lewis Rockefeller, born Sept. 12, 1823, died in October, 1898. He married Catherine Campbell, who survives him, and they became the parents of a large family: Joseph, born in 1850, died in 1870; Lemuel married Hattie McCloy and they have three children, Catharine, Mary and Margaret; Sarah married H. Clay Seasholtz and has had one son, David; Isabella died in 1888, at the age of twenty-five; Hattie married H. C. Lyons; Charles married Mattie Manier and has two children, Harrison and Helen; Isaac married Emma Specht; David P. is mentioned below; Oliver married Jennie Haupt; Emery is mentioned below.

Mrs. Catharine (Campbell) Rockefeller though now (1911) in her eighty-first year is active and retains all her faculties, and to her excellent memory we are indebted for much of the data in this article. She enjoys good health, and her kind and unselfish disposition keeps her interested in the welfare of her numerous descendants and endears her to a wide circle of relatives and friends. She now makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Sea-

sholtz. Her cheerful temperament and fine Christian character have won for her the esteem and love of all fortunate enough to know her. She was one of a family of eight children born to Christopher and Sarah (Kline) Campbell, the former of whom was the son of Christopher Campbell, the latter the daughter of Isaac Kline. Isaac Kline and his wife Catharine had the following sons: Harmon, Henry, Isaac and Christopher. The children of Christopher and Sarah (Kline) Campbell were as follows: (1) Isaac married Hannah Campbell. Children: Dr. John, who died in Philadelphia, Pa.; Lemuel, who married Sally Kersuge; James, who married Alice Van Zant; Rebecca, who married Joseph Eckman; and Flora, who died young. (2) Lemuel married Emma Smith. Children: Dr. Charles, who married Lizzie Lee Enos; William, who died young; Eli, who died young; and Mary, who lives in Sunbury. (3) Abraham died young. (4) Herman married Elizabeth Reed, and their son, Edmund, married Mary Haupt. (5) Sarah married Charles Eckman, and had two children, Frank and Ellard (who married Ella Snyder). (6) Ella married (first) Kelso Savidge, by whom she had three children, Clinton (who married Louise Essie and has six children, Harry W., Albert C., Ralph W. E., Preston M., Louise and Lucile), Harrison C. and Lizzie A. (married Willard Robinson). Her second marriage was to George Forrester, by whom she has had two children, Isabella (Mrs. Clark) and Ellen, the latter dying young. (7) Rhoda married Samuel Oberdorf, and they have had eleven children, Oliver (deceased), Isaac (deceased), Hamilton (deceased), Isabella (deceased), Chalmers (deceased), Mary, Peter, G. Donald (a graduate of Princeton and now principal of the Mount Carmel high school, who married Olive A. Ruch), Maurer (married to Amanda Gearhart), William (who married Ollie Wolverton and has two children, Calvin and Robert, the former a graduate of Bucknell University) and Susan (Mrs. Lorenza Eckman, who has two children, James and Chalmers). (8) Elizabeth married (first) Bloomfield Carr, by whom she had two sons, James and William, and (second) Charles Houghout, by whom she has two daughters, Virginia and Roda, the latter the wife of William Clark and the mother of three children, Bessie, George and Morris.

DAVID P. ROCKEFELLER, son of Lewis and Catharine (Campbell) Rockefeller, is a well known business man of Sunbury, being president of the Sunbury Table Works, manufacturers of extension and parlor tables, and similar goods. Mr. Rockefeller was born in Sunbury Nov. 23, 1859, and there received his early education in the public schools. After a few years' attendance there he went to Philadelphia, where he was a pupil in the school at Seventeenth and Pine streets. Dur-

ing his residence in that city he clerked for his cousin, John Rockefeller, for a period of ten years. Returning to Sunbury in 1883, he engaged in the bottling business, which he continued to follow until 1898. For three years afterward he was engaged in the lumber business, and for a similar period in the mercantile business, in 1905 selling his stock of merchandise to J. K. Frederick. At that time he began the manufacture of tables, in which he was engaged alone until he established the present concern, in May, 1907. The plant is located on North Second street, the factory and yards covering nearly a city block. The main building is 200 feet square, and there is another 50 by 150 feet in dimensions. The establishment is equipped throughout with the most modern machinery and all improvements designed to facilitate the work, and from seventy-five to eighty men are given constant employment supplying the demands of the large trade. Mr. Rockefeller has devoted himself to the building up of this business, and his efforts have been rewarded with unusual success. He is respected and trusted by his fellow citizens, who elected him to the borough council in 1904, and he served in that body from that year until 1908. He is a Republican in politics and in religion a member of the Presbyterian Church. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F.

On Sept. 18th, 1891, Mr. Rockefeller married Agnes Cummings, daughter of Andrew and Harriet Cummings, of Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pennsylvania.

EMERY ROCKEFELLER, retired farmer and dairyman, now living in Sunbury, was born June 15, 1868, in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, where he was reared and educated. He lived on the family homestead in that township for some time, and in 1900 purchased from Gen. George B. Cadwallader a fine farm of 154 acres in Upper Augusta township, fertile and valuable land, which he cultivated until 1906. That year he built a fine home on East Market street, in the borough of Sunbury, where he has since resided with his family. While on the farm Mr. Rockefeller carried on the dairy business, which he has continued since his removal to Sunbury. Though unostentatious in his habits and retiring in disposition he has always interested himself in the public welfare, and while in Upper Augusta township served as a member of the school board for two terms. Since becoming a resident of Sunbury he has been elected to the borough council, at present representing the Eighth ward in that body. He is an excellent neighbor and friend, kind and hospitable, and has the respect of all who know him. In religious connection he is a member of the Catawissa Avenue Methodist Church, of which he has been a trustee since 1909.

On Jan. 24, 1894, Mr. Rockefeller married

Minnie Gonsar, and to them were born two children, Verna and Iliff. Mrs. Rockefeller died March 12, 1911, aged forty-one years and was buried in Pomfret Manor county.

Like her husband, Mrs. Rockefeller was a member of one of the early settled families of the county. Her grandparents, Samuel and Catharine (Long) Gonsar, natives of Schuylkill county, Pa., came to Northumberland county in an early day, settling in Shamokin township, where they passed the remainder of their lives, dying there. They are buried at Snyderstown. He was a farmer and miller by occupation. In religion he was a member of the Lutheran Church. He and his wife had a large family, viz.: John, David, Andrew, George, Daniel, Isaac, Jacob, Jesse, Sarah (married Benjamin Evert), Harriet (married Jefferson Miller, of Lewisburg) and Hannah (married John Campbell, of Snyderstown). George, Daniel, Isaac, Jacob and Jesse all lived in Shamokin township.

Jesse Gonsar, father of Mrs. Emery Rockefeller, was born in 1836 and died in 1898, aged sixty-two years, five months, sixteen days. He married Harriet Houseworth, and she survived him with their three children: Minnie, Mrs. Rockefeller, now deceased; Laura, who is the wife of Andrew Lantz and has one son, Jesse; and Grant, of Snyderstown, Pennsylvania.

HAUPT. The Haupt family to which belonged the late Henry Haupt, long a resident of Sunbury and later of Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, was founded here by one George Haupt. There are several distinct families of the name in the county, that of Shamokin township bearing no known relationship either to the one here under consideration or to the family of which John D. Haupt, of Rockefeller township, is a member.

George Haupt was a native of Berks county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county in 1802, settling in what was then Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, where he owned many acres to the east of Augustaville. He was a tailor, and followed his trade for some years, but farming was his principal vocation. His farm was later owned by his grandson, A. G. Haupt (son of his son Samuel), but the present owner is John D. Haupt, before mentioned. George Haupt was a Lutheran, and he and his wife, Margaret (Overpeck), are buried at the Augustaville (Stone) Church. According to the records there he was born July 13, 1761, and died Feb. 11, 1853; she was born Jan. 21, 1772, and died Nov. 30, 1858. They were the parents of ten children: John; Samuel (born 1804, died 1882, who married Lydia Fasold and had eight children); George; David; Jacob; Henry; Sebastian, who lived at the corner of Third and Market streets, in the borough of Sunbury; Cath-

arine, who married Peter Flook; Mary, who married John Shipe; and Elizabeth, who died when twenty-one years old.

HENRY HAUPT, son of George, was born May 30, 1812, in Augusta township, and learned the tailor's trade from his father. In 1840 he located in Sunbury, at what is now No. 321 Market street, in a typical log cabin, and he followed his trade until 1853, when his health failed and he moved out of the borough, settling in Upper Augusta township. The change proved beneficial, for he lived to the ripe age of eighty-four years, dying Feb. 10, 1897. After giving up tailoring he became a watchman on the Shamokin branch of the Pennsylvania railroad. He is buried in the old cemetery at Sunbury. Mr. Haupt was a Presbyterian in religious faith, and served as trustee of the church at Sunbury. He took an interest in the affairs of the community, and served some years as overseer of the poor. His first wife, Maria Yordy, died March 26, 1844, the mother of two children, Samuel Y. and Freeman. His second marriage was to Sarah Mowery, who was born Christmas Day, 1810, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Kerschner) Mowery, of Sunbury, and died Nov. 4, 1876. There was one child by this union, Liberty Dewart, born in Sunbury, on the site where she still resides. She married in 1871, John O. Dugan and has three children, Harry W., of Plymouth, Pa.; Fannie E., who married Claude E. Wilson, of Sunbury; and Sallie, who married W. C. Forrester, of Upper Augusta township. She is an active member of the Presbyterian Church. She was named Liberty after Miss Liberty Brady, who was born about the time the Liberty Bell proclaimed freedom to all the inhabitants of the United Colonies upon the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, and who was a sister of the six Brady brothers, noted Indian fighters and scouts of the Susquehanna valley, in Pennsylvania.

JOHN D. HAUPT, a prosperous farmer of Rockefeller township, was born there May 25, 1851, son of George G. Haupt, on the old homestead of his family. His grandfather lived in Cameron township, this county, where he followed farming, and he and his wife, whose maiden name was Gearhart, are buried in that township. He owned property. They were Lutherans in religious faith. Of their children, John, Jacob and Benjamin lived in Cameron township; George G. is mentioned below; Sarah married George Derk; Hettie married Gideon Derk, brother of George; there were other daughters whose names are not given.

George G. Haupt was born Sept. 12, 1810, in Cameron township, and learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed to some extent, but farming was his principal occupation through

life. He owned a farm of thirty-three acres in Rockefeller township, where he died Jan. 11, 1866. He was a Democrat in politics, and at the time of his death was holding the office of overseer of the poor, and it is singular that his associate in office, Daniel D. Conrad, died just two weeks before. His wife, Barbara (Dornsife), born Feb. 18, 1824, died April 8, 1897. They were Lutherans, and are buried at the Augustaville Church. Their children were: Mary Elizabeth married Simeon Haupt, who was a descendant of George Haupt (1761-1853), of another family resident in the same community, and who had Indian blood in his veins; John D. is mentioned later; Emeline is the widow of Hyman Shilly; Catharine E. married Milton DeWees.

John D. Haupt has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. His farm consists of 100 acres in the southeastern part of Rockefeller township, and is the old homestead of George Haupt, who was the founder of another Haupt family in this neighborhood, being no known relative of John D. Haupt. Mr. Haupt raises general crops and sells his produce at Trevorton. He is an enterprising citizen and has taken some part in public affairs in his locality, having served the township as school director and roadmaster. In politics he is a Democrat.

In 1883 Mr. Haupt married Matilda Neidig, daughter of Solomon and Maria (Conrad) Neidig, and five children were born to them: Stella B., who was married in 1910 to Atwood Wetzel; Blanche M., wife of William E. Straub; and Donald D., Myrtle V. and Hatton H., at home. Mrs. Haupt died Oct. 3, 1903, aged forty-one years, twenty-five days, and is buried at Augustaville.

CHARLES M. MARTIN, M. D., late of Sunbury, was a physician and surgeon of high standing in that borough, where he was successfully engaged in the general practice of his profession for over thirty years. A man of admirable personal traits, public-spirited, energetic, progressive in his special field of labor and in all that had to do with the real good of his fellow men, he was a citizen to be esteemed and valued, and his memory will live long in the hearts of the many who knew and appreciated him. Dr. Martin belonged to one of the oldest families of Sunbury, having been a grandson of George Martin, who came thither among the pioneers.

George Martin was active in the public affairs of Northumberland county in his day, serving as county prothonotary and for some years as justice of the peace. He is buried in the old cemetery at Sunbury. He and his wife Mary had children as follows: Rev. Jacob was the father of Dr. Martin; George served for thirty-two years in the United States army, attaining the rank of captain, and was in the Indian Seminole war,

through the Mexican war and in the Civil war (he lived retired in Philadelphia); William served through the Mexican war and in the Union army during the Civil war and attained the rank of major (he, too, lived retired in Philadelphia); Charles, who served in the Union army during the Civil war, died in Savannah, Ohio, where he had made his home for a number of years; Henry, who was a resident of Sunbury, entered the Union army during the Civil war and was killed at the battle of the Wilderness; Luther, who lived in Elizabeth, N. J., where he was married, was also a soldier during the Civil war and was killed at the battle of Gettysburg; Betzy married a Mr. Stroh and they lived at Selinsgrove, Pa.; Catharine (Kitty) married Peter Rhoads and they lived near Pittsburg, Pa.; Mary; and two others. All of this family were born and reared at Sunbury.

Rev. Jacob Martin, son of George and Mary Martin, was born in Sunbury Feb. 11, 1803, and died there in 1872, after a service of fifty years in the ministry of the Lutheran Church. His first charge was in New York State, at Dansville. For some years he was at Westminster, and at Reisterstown, both in Maryland, each of his charges comprising four or five congregations. He was an able speaker, preaching both English and German, and also a good singer, usually leading the church singing. He married Abbie A. Stevenson, daughter of Henry Stevenson, who came from Ireland, and she survived him but three months. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Henry and George died young, but five days apart; Mary E. died young; Margaret married D. Wilson Shryoeck, of Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Charles M. is mentioned below; Harriet married James Lyon, and they live at Sunbury; Harry died at Westminster, Md., when eighteen years old.

Charles M. Martin was born Jan. 15, 1840, at Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa. He received his academic training at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., and attended medical lectures at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, from which institution he was graduated in March, 1863. The family was living at Westminster, Md., during that period. While in Baltimore he was a resident student at the hospital and after his graduation received the appointment of assistant surgeon from Surgeon General Hammond of the United States army, being assigned to hospital duty at Frederick, Md. He remained in the government service until the close of the war, after which he located for practice at Owing's Mills, Baltimore Co., Md., remaining there until he settled at Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., in the summer of 1872. From that time until his death, which occurred Dec. 26, 1892, Dr. Martin took high rank as a physician and surgeon

in the locality of his birth. He had a very extensive general practice, and attended faithfully to all its demands, in addition to which he served for thirteen years as resident surgeon at Sunbury for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, being succeeded in that position, upon his death, by Dr. Drumheller, of Sunbury. He was appointed a member of the board of pension examiners, removed when the Democrats came into power, in 1884, and reappointed in June, 1889. His standing in the profession was high, and he was honored with the vice-presidency of the Sunbury Medical Association. In spite of a busy professional career he found time for local public service, acting as member of the borough council and for some years as a school director. He was also known in social circles, and fraternally was a Knight Templar Mason. He was a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religious connection.

In 1865 Dr. Martin married, at Westminster, Md., Sallie H. Shreeve, who died in 1872 at Owing's Mills, Md. On Feb. 18, 1873, he married (second) Mary Alice Haas, daughter of John and Mary (Gheen) Haas, late of Sunbury, and Mrs. Martin still occupies the large residence at No. 141 Chestnut street which the Doctor erected in 1875. To the second union was born one son, William H., on December 28, 1873; he died Nov. 13, 1902, while a student at the University of Pennsylvania, and he and his father are buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery, at Sunbury.

WILLIAM W. RYON, of Shamokin, a legal practitioner of over thirty years' standing in that borough, was born April 29, 1857, at Lawrenceville, in Lawrence township, Tioga Co., Pa. His parents were George L. and Hannah (Hammond) Ryon, both descendants of prominent pioneer families of Pennsylvania, the mother a member of the Connecticut Hammond family, which came to Pennsylvania in Provincial days. Both of Mr. Ryon's great-grandfathers served in the Continental forces during the Revolution, one attaining the rank of colonel and commissary of subsistence in General Anthony Wayne's division. Several of the name have attained distinction in high offices of public trust.

John Ryon, Jr., grandfather of William W., was born in Luzerne county, and left the Wyoming Valley, where the family had then been settled for nearly a century, when about eighteen years of age. He removed to Elkland, Tioga county, where he became a prominent citizen, taking a leading part in the public affairs of that section, which he represented in the State Senate (from the Tioga and Bradford districts) for eleven years, and while in the Senate introduced a resolution favoring the nomination of Andrew Jackson for President, which was passed by both houses. He was associate judge of Tioga county

for fifteen years. About eighty years ago he was located at Milton, Northumberland county, as superintendent of the Pennsylvania canal, and his name, as such, was cut on a stone in the lock at Shamokin dam, opposite Sunbury, under date of 1829.

George L. Ryon removed with his family from Elkland to Lawrenceville (both in Tioga county) about 1849. Their eldest son, George W. Ryon, of Shamokin, has been a resident of that borough for over forty years and long one of its leading citizens.

William W. Ryon grew to manhood in his native township, and received his early education in the common schools of Tioga county. Later he attended the Mansfield (Pa.) State normal school, from which he graduated in June, 1874, and soon afterward entered the office of his brother George W. Ryon, of Shamokin, to take up the reading of law. After his admission to the bar of Northumberland county, in March, 1878, he practiced for a short time, until he accepted an appointment as deputy sheriff under Sheriff William M. Weaver, with whom he served three years, continuing in the position for three months longer under Mr. Weaver's successor, John C. Morgan. Mr. Ryon then resumed the practice of his profession, was in time admitted to practice in the Supreme and the Superior courts and has continued his legal work successfully and profitably to the present day, though he is also interested in a number of the most important commercial and manufacturing enterprises of the borough. He was an original stockholder in the Shamokin Street Railway Company, was president of the Shamokin Valley Telephone Company, of which he was one of the organizers, until it was taken over by the United Telephone & Telegraph Company; and a leading member of the Shamokin Board of Trade, having been connected with the organization from its inception. He is attorney for the First National Bank of Shamokin and for the Union, Home and Citizens' Building & Loan Associations, of which he was one of the original promoters.

Politically Mr. Ryon is a Democrat and active and influential in the party. He is a leading member of St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church of Shamokin.

IRA T. CLEMENT, late of Sunbury, was a leading citizen of that community to the close of his long life, which covered a period of over eighty-five years. In his day there was scarcely a more conspicuous figure in the development of the borough and the surrounding territory, and his descendants are classed among the most valuable citizens there to-day. His interests as merchant and manufacturer not only brought to him means and influence, but were also the means of enhancing the industrial facilities of the entire region. A

man of strong character, of progressive disposition, of foresight, he combined the possession of all these traits with sufficient enterprise to launch and carry through the various undertakings he felt could be successfully prosecuted in this section. His sons in time engaged in business with him, and in the activities of various members of the family the position of the Clements among the most prominent residents of this section has been well sustained.

Joseph Clement, the father of Ira T. Clement, died on Staten Island, New York. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. In 1805, in Sussex county, N. J., he married Hannah Hazen, daughter of Samuel or Ezra Hazen, and to them were born three children: Augustus married Caroline Lyons, and died in Sunbury; Sarah was twice married, first to a Mr. Hazen and later to Dr. Woodbridge, and raised a large family (she died at Buchanan, Mich.); Ira T. is mentioned below. After the death of Joseph Clement his widow married Solomon Smith, of Amherst, Mass., and they moved out to Ohio, where they settled and reared their family. Mr. Smith died there, and Mrs. Smith then came to Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., where she spent several years before her death, which occurred June 25, 1868, in her eighty-fourth year. She was born April 12, 1785, in Woodbury, New Jersey.

Ira T. Clement was born Jan. 11, 1813, in New Jersey. He was a young child when he came with his mother to Northumberland county, and in fact was only five years old when his mother indentured him to Jacob Hoover, with whom he lived on what is now the Odd Fellows' Orphanage farm. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a few years, but he soon embarked in the mercantile business on his own account in Sunbury, continuing in that line for thirty years. However, there were too many opportunities in his then opening region to permit him to devote all his energies to one field of enterprise. He had a small tract of land and a sawmill near Arters station, a few miles east of Sunbury, and he worked in the woods during the day, getting out his logs, which he sawed into lumber at night. In 1847 he came to Sunbury, where in that year he built the first sawmill established in the place, at what was later the site of his table factory on Front street, having bought the land shortly after his arrival here, from Ebenezer Greenough. Besides conducting this place he engaged in the mercantile business, his first store in Sunbury being located on Market street, near Third street. He ran the sawmill until 1867, when he sold it to William Reagan, and it was subsequently owned successively by the Sunbury Lumber Company and the firm of Friling, Bowen & Engle. After they failed, in 1877, it was conducted in the interest of their creditors until 1883, when Mr. Clement repurchased it.



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Geo. T. Clement

Meantime, about 1868, he had built the first planing mill in Sunbury, originally a two-story frame building 60 by 80 feet in dimensions, but later enlarged considerably to meet the demands of expanding business. In 1875 the upper story of this structure was equipped for the manufacture of coffins, but the coffin business grew so rapidly that in 1887 a two-story frame building 40 by 140 feet was built for its sole accommodation. In 1880 Mr. Clement had begun the manufacture of extension tables at the planing mill, and in 1887 his old mill, which as recorded he had repurchased in 1883, was adapted for this special branch of manufacturing. For a number of years his combined industries occupied an extensive site extending from Front street to Third, north of Race, the saw mill, planing mill, table factory and coffin factory affording employment to one hundred and twenty-five men, with an annual product valued at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The influence of such an establishment on the general prosperity may be easily conjectured. Further, Mr. Clement established the Sunbury Steam Ferry and Tow Boat Company, of which he was the president, and which for many years kept a line of steamboats plying on the Susquehanna between Sunbury, Northumberland, Shamokin Dam and other points. He also invested heavily in real estate, buying the Kutz farm in Upper Augusta township and the Oberdorf farm in East Sunbury, on which he made vast improvements; and at the time of his death he owned over one hundred houses in Sunbury, of which borough he was the heaviest taxpayer. He engaged in contracting to some extent, in 1876-77 building the Northumberland county prison; and other buildings, including the city hall and the Moore & Dissinger block on Market street, were of his construction. In this line he also gave employment to a considerable number of men.

Mr. Clement relinquished comparatively little control of his affairs in his old age, being active to the end of his days. Although rheumatism affected and finally destroyed his power of locomotion, he never lost interest in the condition and management of his numerous business concerns, giving them his direct personal supervision, as he had been in the habit of doing, and he continued to be a power in local industrial and commercial matters until his death. A born leader, he was foremost in many movements which have made a permanent impression upon the development and welfare of Sunbury. He was one of the pioneer casket manufacturers of Pennsylvania, and as such started a line of industry in Sunbury which continues to be one of its business factors. Though he never took any direct part in public affairs he had strong convictions on political questions, and, originally a Whig, changed his allegiance to the Republicans and later to the Democratic party. He and his family were members of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Clement married, when in his twenty-second year, in 1834, Sarah Martz, of Shamokin township, daughter of David and Magdalena (Shissler) Martz, and twelve children were born to them, namely: Amelia, who died unmarried; Henry; Catharine A., who died young; David; a child that died in infancy; Mary Jane, who married John W. Bucher; Louisa, widow of Henry E. Moore; Sarah Frances, who married David C. Dissinger, who died before she did; Laura I., who married Dietrich James; Maria W., who died unmarried; and Grace and Emma, who died young. Only two of this family, Henry and Mrs. Moore, survived the father, who died Oct. 28, 1898, attaining the great age of eighty-five years, nine months, seventeen days. He was buried at Sunbury.

HENRY CLEMENT, the only son of Ira T. Clement who survived him, is still a resident of Sunbury, where he was born, in what was then Upper Augusta township, Sept. 4, 1838. When a mere boy he commenced clerking in his father's store, and he was always associated with him in his lumber and manufacturing interests, for many years before his father's death being with him in the management of his entire business. He stepped into a busy career, but he has proved himself well adapted to its demands, as his capable management of his various interests shows that he not only inherited the business but the ability to look after it to advantage. He was one of the pioneers in the West Branch lumber industry, but though thoroughly progressive he is conservative and has a reputation for sound judgment which makes his opinion on business questions highly valued. Though his time is well taken up with his private affairs he has found time to serve the borough as councilman. He is a Republican in political faith. Fraternally Mr. Clement is an Odd Fellow and a Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 203, I. O. O. F., to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., and to Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.

On March 23, 1860, Mr. Clement married Catharine Geist, of Northumberland, this county, daughter of John and Susan (Frederick) Geist, and she died in 1899, leaving two children: Jennie M., who is the wife of William H. Faries, a court stenographer of this and surrounding counties; and Ira T., of Sunbury, who married Elizabeth B. Fisher and has one son, Henry Clement, Jr.

HENRY E. MOORE, late of Sunbury, where he was well known in business life as an associate of Ira T. Clement, was born in 1842, at Millmont, in Buffalo Valley, Union Co., Pa., son of Jacob Moore, and died April 3, 1903. Mr. Moore was for many years engaged as a merchant and banker before coming to Sunbury, and throughout his residence in that borough was one of its substantial and highly respected citizens. He married Mrs.

Louisa Haupt, widow of George W. Haupt and daughter of Ira T. Clement. They had no children. Mr. Moore was a Lutheran in religious connection.

GEORGE W. HAUPT was born in Sunbury Feb. 22, 1840, son of Sebastian and Sarah (Hahn) Haupt. In his earlier manhood he followed teaching and won considerable success and local distinction in that profession, serving as superintendent of the Northumberland county schools from 1866 to 1868. He resigned Sept. 1, 1868, on account of ill health, William J. Wolverton being appointed by the State to fill the unexpired term. Mr. Haupt studied law under Judge Jordan and practiced from the time he was admitted to the bar until his death, which occurred Jan. 18, 1870. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith, and a Mason in fraternal connection, holding membership in Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. Haupt married Louisa Clement, daughter of Ira T. Clement, and by this union there was one son, Wilson.

FRANKLIN MARTZ, late of Ralpho township, Northumberland county, was one of the substantial and highly respected citizens of his locality and a descendant of an old family, his father, David Martz, having been born in the county.

David Martz was born Oct. 15, 1802, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, and died Nov. 11, 1855. Shortly after his marriage he located at Paxinos and owned and operated a fulling mill there, being quite successful in business. He was a respected man, and for many years was chosen to serve as justice of the peace at Paxinos. His wife, Hannah (Evert), born Oct. 6, 1804, died June 9, 1880, and they are buried at the Blue church in Ralpho township. Their children were: Eliza died unmarried; Henry, who was a teacher, died unmarried; Margaret married David Adams; Sarah married Emanuel Artman; Franklin is mentioned below; Mary married Albert Fisher; David P. is a resident of Ralpho township, this county; John, twin of David, is deceased; Hannah married Jackson Hoffman; Susan died young.

Franklin Martz was born Dec. 12, 1835, in Shamokin township, and received his education in the local schools. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed several years. During the Civil war he enlisted in the 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and was out eleven months. After he returned home he bought a farm in Shamokin (now Ralpho) township, of 150 acres, the old Solomon Hummel place, and there he lived and farmed until his death, which occurred July 21, 1889. He is buried at the Blue Church, of which he was a Reformed member, and was serving as elder at the

time of his death. In politics he was a Republican.

On Oct. 25, 1860, Mr. Martz married Margaret Fisher, daughter of John and Hannah (Yocum) Fisher, who was born in Northumberland county Dec. 7, 1840; she now makes her home at Paxinos. Mrs. Martz is a member of the German Reformed Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Martz were born the following children: Henry E. died of smallpox when eleven years old; Mary H. died in infancy; Catharine A. married William Kreibaum, and they reside at Elysburg, Pa.; Edwin H. lives in Shamokin; William F. married Elizabeth Fisher and they reside in Shamokin; Clarence K. lives at Paxinos; Ira T. died in infancy; John C. died in infancy; Bertha M. married Frank Wertley, and they reside at Paxinos.

WILLIAM H. ROHRBACH, postmaster and merchant at Paxinos, has been prominent in the business and public affairs of that section of Northumberland county for many years, and is indeed well known all over the county. He bears a name which has long been regarded as the synonym of progress and executive ability, many members of the Rohrbach family having attained position and means, and their honorable lives have been a credit to themselves and to the community as well.

Mr. Rohrbach was born July 13, 1852, in Catawissa township, Columbia Co., Pa., son of John Rohrbach and grandson of Jacob Rohrbach. The family is an old one in Pennsylvania, of German origin, being descended from John George Rohrbach, who emigrated to America about the middle of the eighteenth century. He settled in eastern Pennsylvania, in Berks county, in the territory now embraced in District township, and the family is now quite numerous in the eastern end of that county. The ancestral homestead is still owned by one of his descendants. He was twice married, and by his first union had a son Lawrence, who had five sons, Daniel, George (who had eight children), Christopher (or Stophel, who had eleven children), Jacob and Henry. By his second wife, Christiana Moser, he had five children, George, John, Simon, Eva and Christiana. Those of the name now living in Berks county are descendants of Lawrence and John; Simon is said to have moved to Catawissa, Columbia county; George to have gone West; Eva married Jacob Finkbohner, who after her death married her sister Christiana.

The ancestor of a number of the name now living in Northumberland county devoted himself to his business affairs and lived and labored in the section of Pennsylvania referred to. He was a successful and influential man of his day, although he had no aspirations toward public honors and took no part in anything outside of his pri-

vate interests. For many years he conducted a charcoal furnace in conjunction with farming. He married Catharine Fenstermacher, and to them was born a large family. Their son George, born in 1808 in Columbia county, Pa., was the father of the late Lloyd T. and William H. Rohrbach, both prominent citizens of Sunbury.

John Rohrbach, son of Jacob and father of William H. Rohrbach, of Paxinos, was born Oct. 15, 1819, in Clay township, Berks Co., Pa., moved to Columbia county, Pa., with his father, and in 1855 came to Shamokin township, Northumberland county. In his early years he had followed farming for some time, later being employed in the ironworks at Catawissa, Columbia county, and after coming to this region purchased, in partnership with his brother-in-law, William Reed, a farm at Reed's station, consisting of about 175 acres. Here he followed farming until his death, which occurred April 2, 1895, and he is buried at St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church in Ralpho township. He married Julian Reed, daughter of Jacob and Hannah Reed, and she survives him, making her home at Paxinos. They had two children, Clara E. and William H. The daughter married Amos Epler and both are deceased; they left five children.

William H. Rohrbach was only three years old when the family settled in Shamokin township, and after attending the local public schools he became a pupil at the Elysburg Academy, then taught by Rev. James Wampole. He remained at home, assisting his father, until the latter's death, after which he took the farm for five years, conducting it until elected county commissioner, in 1900. He filled that office efficiently for one term of three years, and in 1904 took another public position, having been appointed mercantile appraiser, in which capacity he served for one year. During that time he purchased the business of Miller Brothers, general merchants at Paxinos, which he has since carried on, and in connection with which he has performed the duties of postmaster, to which office he was appointed in 1904. Mr. Rohrbach has been prominent in the political and public activities of his township as a zealous member of the Democratic party. He has served as member of the election board, and has been elected assessor, tax collector and auditor. His work in every capacity justifying the flattering support he received as a candidate. He stands high in the opinion of his fellow citizens and has endeavored to merit their judgment of his character and abilities. Socially he is a member and a past master of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Rohrbach married Emma Keifer, daughter of Abraham and Maria (Everly) Keifer, of Columbia county, Pa., and they have two children, John L. and Wallace K.

OLIVER P. ROCKEFELLER, of Sunbury, was engaged in the bottling business in that borough for many years, and is at present dividing his attention between the "Montour House," at Danville, Pa., of which he is a part owner, and his extensive real estate interests. He was born in Upper Augusta township, this county, Nov. 6, 1862, son of Lewis and Catherine (Campbell) Rockefeller.

The Rockefeller family has long been well represented among the best class of citizens in Northumberland county, and one of the townships of the county bears the name, which was founded here by Godfrey Rockefeller, from whom David P., Emery and Oliver P., brothers, of Sunbury, are descended in the fifth generation.

The Rockefeller family traces its beginning in America to one Peter Rockefeller, who was born in Europe and in 1710, on emigrating to America, settled at Amwell, Hunterdon Co., N. J. He died there about 1740, leaving to his son, who was also named Peter, 763 acres of land in the county mentioned.

Godfrey Rockefeller, born in 1747, was a son of Peter Rockefeller (?). He came to Northumberland county, Pa., in 1789, and took up land in the vicinity of Snyderstown. He married Margaret Lewis, and they had a family of eleven children, three sons and eight daughters. One of the sons was the grandfather of John D. Rockefeller, of Standard Oil fame. The other two were John and William, the former the great-grandfather of David P. and Emery and Oliver P. Rockefeller, of Sunbury, the latter the father of David (born Sept. 6, 1802) and grandfather of Judge William M. Rockefeller (born Aug. 18, 1830), who married Emily Jones, daughter of Thomas and Maria (Housel) Jones, of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

John Rockefeller, son of Godfrey, was the great-grandfather of David P., Emery and Oliver P. Rockefeller.

John Rockefeller, the grandfather, was killed on his way home from Reading, at a time when much of the country was still a wilderness. He married Elizabeth Moore, and they were the parents of Lewis Rockefeller, their other children being as follows: Henry married Elizabeth Morgan and had five children, John, James, Jacob, Franklin and Harriet (Mrs. John Gulick); Michael never married; David was twice married, his first wife being Isabella Campbell; John married Harriet Kneiss and had five children, Alice (wife of Rev. John Bowman), Caroline (Mrs. Woods), Anne (wife of Jacob Frye), Elizabeth (wife of Jesse Cleaver) and Ella (Mrs. Sanders); Mary married George Bassett and had six children, Lucy, Alda, Ruth, Maggie, Elizabeth and George; Esther married Isaac Eckman and had five children, Col. Charles (married Sophia Gearhart), David married Ella

Wolfe and had children, Franklin, Alfred, Dyer and Ethel), Elizabeth (first married Oscar Heller and second Joseph Bonner), Harriet (married George Mettler and had two children, Ella and Susan) and Lewis.

Lewis Rockefeller, born Sept. 12, 1823, died in October, 1898. He married Catherine Campbell, who survives him, and they became the parents of a large family: Joseph, born in 1859, died in 1870; Lemuel married Hattie McCloy and they have three children, Catharine, Mary and Margaret; Sarah married H. Clay Seasholtz and has had one son, David; Isabella died in 1888, at the age of twenty-five; Hattie married H. C. Lyons; Charles married Mattie Manier and has two children, Harrison and Helen; Isaac married Emma Specht; David P. married Agnes Cummings; Oliver P. married Jennie A. Haupt; Emery married Minnie Gonsar.

Mrs. Catherine (Campbell) Rockefeller though now (1911) in her eighty-first year is active and retains all her faculties, and to her excellent memory we are indebted for much of the data in this article. She enjoys good health, and her kind and unselfish disposition keeps her interested in the welfare of her numerous descendants and endears her to a wide circle of relatives and friends. She now makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Seasholtz. Her cheerful temperament and fine Christian character have won for her the esteem and love of all fortunate enough to know her. She was one of a family of eight children born to Christopher and Sarah (Kline) Campbell, the former of whom was the son of Christopher Campbell, the latter the daughter of Isaac Kline. Isaac Kline and his wife Catharine had the following sons: Harmon, Henry, Isaac and Christopher. The children of Christopher and Sarah (Kline) Campbell were as follows: (1) Isaac married Hannah Campbell. Children: Dr. John, who died in Philadelphia, Pa.; Lemuel, who married Sally Kersuge; James, who married Alice Van Zant; Rebecca, who married Joseph Eckman; and Flora, who died young. (2) Lemuel married Emma Smith. Children: Dr. Charles, who married Lizzie Enos; William, who died young; Eli, who died young; and Mary, who lives in Sunbury. (3) Abraham died young. (4) Herman married Elizabeth Reed and their son, Edmund, married Mary Haupt. (5) Sarah married Charles Eckman, and had two children, Frank and Ellard (who married Ella Snyder). (6) Ella married (first) Kelso Savidge, by whom she had three children, Clinton (who married Louise Essie and had six children, Harry W., Albert C., Ralph W. E., Preston M., Louise and Lucile), Harrison C. and Lizzie A. (married Willard Robinson). Her second marriage was to George Forrester, by whom she had two children, Isabella (Mrs. Clark) and Ellen, the latter dying

young. (7) Rhoda married Samuel Oberdorf, and they have had eleven children, Oliver (deceased), Isaac (deceased), Hamilton (deceased), Isabella (deceased), Chalmers (deceased), Mary, Peter, G. Donald (a graduate of Princeton and now principal of the Mount Carmel high school, who married Olive A. Ruch), Maurer (married to Amanda Gearhart), William (who married Ollie Wolverton and has two children, Calvin and Robert, the former a graduate of Bucknell University), and Susan (Mrs. Lorenza Eckman, who has two children, James and Chalmers). (8) Elizabeth married (first) Bloomfield Carr, by whom she had two sons, James and William, and (second) Charles Houghout, by whom she has two daughters, Virginia and Roda, the latter the wife of William Clark and the mother of three children, Bessie, George and Morris.

Oliver P. Rockefeller, son of Lewis and Catharine (Campbell) Rockefeller, attended the public schools of his native township, and later was a pupil at private school in Sunbury. He followed farm work until fifteen years of age, when he went to Philadelphia. After clerking there for five years he returned to Northumberland county, and settled at Sunbury, engaging in the bottling business with his brother David P., in 1883. After an association of fourteen years he bought out his brother, in 1898, and thereafter conducted the business alone till November, 1909, when he gave it up after a career of twenty-seven years in the one line. He was very successful, and by his ability and fine business qualities became one of the leading men of Sunbury. He lived retired one year, until he and Mr. H. W. Geyer bought out the well known "Montour House" at Danville, to which Mr. Rockefeller has given most of his time since. He is also a large real estate owner, the management of his property occupying most of his time.

Mr. Rockefeller married Jennie Alice Haupt, daughter of the late Dr. Fred L. Haupt. They have no children. He is a member of the local lodge of Elks, No. 267, and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In politics he is a Republican.

FRED L. HAUPT, M. D., late of Sunbury, was born in that borough Nov. 11, 1836. He received his preparatory literary training at the Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., began reading medicine in Sunbury, and completed the course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1861, in which year he commenced practice at Sunbury. At the beginning of the Civil war he enlisted, as surgeon, for three months, serving that term with the 130th Regiment, and upon its close reenlisted in the same command, for three years. His army record is highly creditable. He was poisoned at Winchester, Va., con-

tracting illness which never wholly left him and which eventually was partly responsible for his death. After the war he resumed practice at Sunbury, where he not only established a large private practice but also served sixteen years as surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, some years as physician at the county jail and five years as member of the board of pension examiners of which he was president. As a surgeon he gained high repute and was widely known. He was an intimate friend of Dr. James D. Strawbridge and Dr. Martin, and they were associated in performing many operations. For a number of years before his death Dr. Haupt, being unable because of poor health to endure the demands of his heavy medical practice, was engaged in the drug business at the corner of Fourth and Market streets, Sunbury. He died March 16, 1894, and is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. Few citizens of the borough were more generally known or respected. Politically he was a Democrat, and was elected a member of the board of education of Sunbury; fraternally he belonged to Washington (D. C.) City Lodge, F. & A. M., and to the Improved Order of Red Men.

In 1866 Dr. Haupt married Angeline Bowen, and to them was born a family of five children, four sons and one daughter, namely: John B., bookkeeper, machinist and druggist of Sunbury, lives with his mother; Alice Jennie married O. P. Rockefeller; Alexander B. died at the age of forty-one years; William F., born in 1871, died in 1900; Joseph Priestley died at the age of thirty-two years.

John Bowen, father of Mrs. Angeline (Bowen) Haupt, was a native of Wales and came to America about 1825, when four years old. He was engaged in business as a coal operator at Shamokin, this county, and was a lumber dealer at Sunbury as a member of the firm of Fryeling, Bowen & Engel. He died at Sunbury about 1896, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Mr. Bowen was a Republican in politics and in religion a member of the Reformed Church. He married Hannah Barnhart, daughter of Michael Barnhart; and they had three children: William, deceased; Jane, deceased; and Angeline, Mrs. Haupt.

LENKER. The Lenker family has many representatives in Northumberland county, descendants of Adam Lenker (or John Adam Lenker), a native of Switzerland, who was one of the pioneer settlers in this region. He located in territory now embraced in Lower Mahanoy township, and followed farming, the original homestead upon which he settled being the farm now owned by David Bohner. He was born Dec. 12, 1765, died March 24, 1834, and is buried at the Zion church in Stone Valley, as is also his wife, Anna

Maria; she was born June 15, 1764, and died May 12, 1822. Their children were: Michael, John Adam, Jacob, Polly (married John Witmer) and Mary (married William Schaffer).

Michael Lenker, son of Adam (or John Adam) Lenker, married Catharine Emerick, and they were farming people in Lower Mahanoy township. She was born March 11, 1791, and died Sept. 18, 1860. They had children as follows: Abraham, Polly, Isaac (born Jan. 22, 1818, died March 27, 1881), Sarah, Catharine, Lydia, Elizabeth, and Jacob.

John Adam Lenker, son of Adam (or John Adam), born Aug. 14, 1789, died Oct. 13, 1861. He lived in Lower Mahanoy township, his homestead being now the property of Jacob F. Lenker, and was a farmer and stonemason. He and his wife Maria (M.) Bobb, born May 13, 1792, died March 30, 1864, are buried at Zion's Stone Valley church. Their children were: Rev. Nicholas, Adam, David, John B., Rev. Michael (who died at Lykens, Pa.), Jacob, Elizabeth (married Joseph Negley), Mary (married David Ditty), Lydia (married John Wetzel) and Catharine (married Jonathan Bonawitz).

Jacob Lenker, third son of Adam (or John Adam), the pioneer, according to one account was married in Lebanon county, this State, and had no children. This seems doubtful, however, as his children are elsewhere given as follows: Jacob, John, Simon (who had a son Peter), Susanna (Mrs. Losch), Christina (who married John Schaffer and died when nearly ninety-three years old), Catharine (never married), Peter, and maybe others.

Jacob Lenker, born 1809, son of Jacob, lived in Lower Mahanoy township, and died on his farm there in 1880. By trade he was a weaver of carpet and cloth, but he also operated his farm, the place now owned by Isaac Batdorf. He was a Lutheran member of Zion's Church, and he and his wife Susanna (Haupt) are buried at that church. Their family consisted of four sons and two daughters: Catharine, who married Isaac Schroyer; Jacob, who settled in Iowa; Benjamin; Henry, who lived and died in Lower Mahanoy township; Reuben, of Shamokin, Pa.; and Helena, who died unmarried.

Benjamin Lenker, son of Jacob, was born in Lower Mahanoy township Aug. 29, 1836, where Michael Lenker now lives, and received his education in the pay schools conducted in the neighborhood during his boyhood. Learning the trade of stonemason, he followed it for twenty-four years, and he also engaged in farming. Though he began life in humble circumstances, he became a substantial man through his own industry and thrift, and he is a much respected citizen of his township, which he has served officially four years as school director.

Politically he is a Republican. He and his family worship at Zion Union Church, at Stone Valley, in which he held office for many years, having served as deacon, elder and trustee. In 1863 Mr. Lenker married Mary Wert, daughter of Michael and Lydia (Bubb) Wert, and she died July 31, 1887, aged fifty-eight years, six months, seven days. Four children were born to their union: Jacob F.; Irving; Gertie, wife of Oscar Harder, a grocer of Allentown, Pa.; and Boaz, of Allentown, a milk dealer.

JACOB F. LENKER, son of Benjamin, was born June 16, 1864, on the home farm, and obtained his early education in the public schools of the vicinity. Subsequently he spent considerable of his time at home in study, and at the age of twenty-one he received a license to teach, his first experience being at Blasser's schoolhouse, in his native township. Altogether he taught eighteen years in the same district, making an excellent record for efficiency, while his personal popularity made him many stanch friends among his pupils and associates. In 1886 he began farming on his own account, and he has since followed that calling, owning a nice home place of thirty acres, which was the homestead property of his maternal grandfather, Michael Wert. He owns another tract of 117 acres, and 135 acres of woodland, having in all over three hundred acres. Mr. Lenker is one of the intelligent and progressive citizens of his locality, and though he has made a success of his personal ventures he has also interested himself in public affairs, having served as auditor and justice of the peace; he was first elected to the latter office in 1901, and re-elected at the end of his term. In political opinion he is a Republican. During the year 1886 he spent three months out West.

On Aug. 30, 1886, Mr. Lenker married Mary Frymoyer, daughter of Isaac and Catharine (Bowman) Frymoyer, and they have one child, a son Oscar. The family are members of Stone Valley Church.

Jacob Frymoyer, grandfather of Mrs. Lenker, lived in Lower Mahanoy township, where he followed farming. He died, however, in Snyder county, Pa. We have the following record of his children: Isaac, Jacob (of Iowa), Catharine (married Isaac Phillips), Royal (married Andrew Ziegler), Polly (Mrs. Hummel) and Harriet.

Isaac Frymoyer, son of Jacob, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, this county. He and his wife Catharine (Bowman) are buried in Snyder county. Their children were: Seneries, William, George, Joseph, James, Jacob and Mary.

IRVING LENKER, son of Benjamin and Mary (Wert) Lenker, was born March 14, 1865, at Hickory Corners, in Lower Mahanoy township, and was there reared, passing his early years in the manner of the average farm boy. After at-

tending the public schools of his township he went to Berksburg Academy, receiving his first license to teach when only sixteen years old, from County Superintendent Wolverton. He taught his first term at Lenker's schoolhouse, in Lower Mahanoy township, in the fall of 1883. From that time to the present he has taught in all twenty-two terms, three in Lower Mahanoy township, fifteen in Jackson township and the borough of Herndon, and one term at Middleburg, Snyder county, where he was principal; earlier in his career as an educator he was at Danville for one term. At Herndon he was engaged eleven terms in succession, having been principal of the schools of that borough for a longer period than any other teacher has served up to this writing. His efficiency could have no better commendation. He has also taught fifteen normal school sessions at Herndon. For two years he taught at Gowen City, this county. He is one of the oldest and one of the leading educators of this section. Mr. Lenker has always been conscientious in the pursuit of his profession, and he has continued his studies with a view of increasing his efficiency. He furthered his early training by study at Lebanon Valley College, and graduated from Central Pennsylvania College (now known as Albright College) in 1890; the institution was then located at New Berlin, but has since been removed to Myerstown. He was granted a professional certificate in 1894 and a permanent certificate in 1897.

In 1892 Mr. Lenker took up his home at Herndon, moving away in 1902, after his wife's death. For two years he was engaged in teaching at Gowen City, and for one year he was at Allentown, as agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company, returning to Herndon in 1905. He has since remained in the borough, where in December, 1908, he established his present printing business and founded the *Herndon News*, of which he is editor as well as proprietor. The paper has the largest circulation of any journal in the borough, and Mr. Lenker is the leading job printer there, doing all kinds of printing and also book-binding, his plant being well equipped. Though this business was a considerable departure from his former line of work he has found it congenial and profitable, and he has made a success of it by his customary thoroughness and attention to detail, profiting by his experiences and surmounting difficulties with characteristic steadiness. In political faith he is a Republican, and he has served five years as justice of the peace at Herndon. His influence has always been given to the support of the best causes and his worth as a citizen has been demonstrated in his various activities.

On Oct. 28, 1891, Mr. Lenker married Ella Neiman, daughter of James Neiman, of New Berlin, Pa., and they had three children: Mabel

Grace, Lena May and Rex Benjamin. Mrs. Lenker died April 14, 1902, aged thirty-five years, and is buried at New Berlin. On Jan. 12, 1907, Mr. Lenker married (second) Katie Wagner, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Masser) Wagner, of Gowen City, Pa. They have a daughter, Mary Hilda. Mr. Lenker and his family worship with the Lutheran congregation of Zion Church at Herndon, of which he is a deacon. He sang in the choir for five years.

John B. Lenker, son of John Adam and Maria (Bobb) Lenker, was a native of Lower Mahanoy township. He learned the trade of tailor, which he followed in Sunbury for about six years. Later he became a brick manufacturer and dealer in real estate, as such laying out "Lenker's Addition" to Sunbury; he owned the greater part of the site of Purdytown. He was a man of affairs, influential in the public life of Sunbury, where he served as school director, councilman, street commissioner and overseer of the poor. He was public-spirited, and had as much to do with the advancement of the place in other directions as he did in its material upbuilding, with which he was identified to a considerable extent. He built more than twenty-five houses in the borough. He was a prominent Freemason, a Republican in politics, and a Lutheran in religion, being an active member of Zion's Church at Sunbury, which he served as member of the church council. He married Mary A. Garland, and they are buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery at Sunbury. They had children as follows: W. G., of Sunbury; John N., of Minneapolis, Minn.; J. Harris and David, twins; and Mary G., who is unmarried. All but John N. Lenker live in the old homestead at the corner of Fourth and Chestnut streets, Sunbury.

J. HARRIS LENKER, son of John B., born June 27, 1862, in Sunbury, is one of the prominent business men of that borough. He and his twin brother, David Lenker, are the members of the firm of the Sunbury Supply Company, with office and warehouse at No. 599 East Chestnut street, dealers in limes, sands, cements, fire clay, fire bricks, galvanized pipe, iron pipe, sewer pipe, plastering hair, common bricks, terra cotta ware, and all other building supplies, doing a large business. Mr. J. Harris Lenker is a director of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, president of the Middle Creek Electric Company, of Sunbury, and with his brother largely interested in Sunbury real estate as holders and dealers, buying, building and selling.

On December 25, 1883, Mr. Lenker married Ida Badman, daughter of Zacharias Badman, of Uniontown, Pa., who died in 1876 when a comparatively young man, of smallpox, which he had contracted while visiting the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. Two children have been

born to Mr. and Mrs. Lenker: John E., a civil engineer, who graduated from the Sunbury high school and from State College, at State College, Pa., and William G., a graduate of the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., who is now in business with his brother, under the name of the Selinsgrove Supply Company.

Mr. Lenker and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury. He is a Republican on political questions.

DAVID LENKER, M. D., twin brother of J. Harris Lenker, was educated in the public schools of Sunbury, the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, Wittenberg College, at Springfield, Ohio, and Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating April 12, 1889. Returning to Sunbury, he was appointed physician at the Northumberland County prison, holding that office for several terms. But medical practice did not appeal to him, and he became associated with his brother, J. Harris Lenker, in business and in the manufacture of bricks, which latter they continued for six years, eventually organizing under the firm name of the Sunbury Supply Company. Every year they build from two to ten houses in addition to continuing the other lines of their extensive business. Lenker avenue is named for this family. Dr. Lenker, in association with his brother, has large real estate holdings. He is a man of broad intelligence, and has taken an active part in the local welfare, in which he is deeply interested; he served some years as auditor of Sunbury. Dr. Lenker is a staunch Republican, and was at one time most active in the interest of the party.

John Adam Lenker, another son of John Adam and Maria (Bobb) Lenker, was born June 29, 1818, on the old homestead, where Jacob F. Lenker now lives, was a lifelong farmer, and owned the property which Michael Lenker now owns. He was also an extensive contractor, erecting a number of county buildings, houses and barns in the lower end of the county, a part of the Central Pennsylvania railroad, the Mahantango bridge in Lower Mahanoy, a number of other bridges along the Mahantango creek, and helped to build the State road from Tower City to Tremont. He filled various public offices in his locality, among others that of school director, and in fact was one of the leaders in the establishment of the free school system in Lower Mahanoy, being long its principal supporter. He was enterprising in giving his influence to worthy public movements as well as in the conduct of his personal interests, and was also active in church affairs, holding all the offices in his church. He died March 24, 1881, and is buried at Stone Valley church, where he belonged. His wife, Sarah Massner, born Dec. 11, 1821, died March 23, 1899. She was a daughter of John Massner. They had children as follows: Lizzie, wife of Abraham D. Blasser; Jeremiah, deceased;

John M., of Lower Mahanoy township; Sallie, unmarried; Ellen, wife of John H. Snyder; Newton, deceased; Adam; and Michael, who has the old homestead.

ADAM LENKER, son of John Adam and Sarah (Massner) Lenker, was born Jan. 9, 1860, in Lower Mahanoy township, and until he reached the age of thirty years lived on his father's farm in the Mahantango Valley. Moving to Shamokin, he lived in that borough three years, engaged as a drayman, and then returning to the Mahantango Valley he purchased a farm of sixty-five acres, which he cultivated for the next twelve years. This place was a part of the old William Deppen homestead. Renting that place he removed farther north, in the same township, where he became a tenant on the A. D. and Jacob Blasser farm, the present year (1910) being his fifth on that property. His own place is at County Line and is a very desirable tract, but he rents it because it is too small to occupy all his attention, and his family being a large one he finds a larger place more profitable. He was elected a school director of Lower Mahanoy township in the spring of 1910. In politics he is a Republican.

On May 25, 1885, Mr. Lenker married Annie Engel, daughter of Joel and Catharine (Wald) Engel, and they have had twelve children; Birdie (who died young), Joel (who died aged sixteen years), Howard, Sallie, Annie, Alvin, John, Clarence, Clara, Irwin, and two that died in infancy. Mr. Lenker and his family are Lutheran members of the Zion Church at Stone Valley, where many Lenkers are buried.

JOHN B. REPLEY, of Ralpho township, Northumberland county, engaged in farming on the place formerly owned by his father, and which has been in this family for about sixty years, was born Oct. 27, 1851, on that place. The family is of German origin, and the name is also found with the spellings Reply and Ripple.

Henry Repley, great-grandfather of John B. Repley, lived in this section, owning and occupying the farm now owned by T. B. and Annie Boughner, in what is now Ralpho township.

John Repley, son of Henry, was born Dec. 26, 1789, and died Nov. 5, 1864. He spent all his life at the homestead in Ralpho (then Shamokin) township, following farming and also cabinetmaking, and was a well known man in his day. By his first marriage, to Jane Zartman, he had four children: Henry; Margaret, Mrs. Peter Boughner; Mary, Mrs. Samuel Campbell; and Elizabeth, wife of Simeon Campbell (brother of Samuel). His second wife, Rachel (Sober), who died March 6, 1877, aged seventy-seven years, four months, was the mother of the following children: Jane, born in 1836, who married Henry K. Price, and died in 1874; Savilla, who married Harvey Fisher; Lou-

isa, who married John K. Erdman; and Rebecca, who married David P. Martz. All these four daughters are buried at the Oak Grove church in Ralpho township.

Henry Repley, son of John, was born April 7, 1820, and died Jan. 16, 1882. He was a farmer, and with the exception of the period spent in the service during the Civil war gave all his active years to that occupation. In 1849 and 1850 he bought part of the Haas and Porter farms, in what is now Ralpho township, having a tract of sixty acres upon which he erected all the buildings, and there he farmed until his death. During the Civil war he was a member of Company H, 162d Pennsylvania Regiment. He is buried at the Oak Grove church, in whose welfare he was interested from the beginning, having been one of the organizers of that church and active in its work. His father's home was a stopping-place for the Methodist ministers. Mr. Repley married Mary E. Scout, who was born Feb. 15, 1824, daughter of John Scout, who was of Scottish extraction. She died July 15, 1892. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Repley: Ursula, born Sept. 26, 1845, who married David H. Snyder, and died Nov. 12, 1907 (she is buried at Oak Grove Church); and John B.

John B. Repley attended the public schools and Elysburg Academy, acquiring an excellent education, and he himself long followed the teacher's profession, teaching twenty-two terms of school in all, in six different schools in Shamokin and Ralpho townships. His success in this work has made him very well known in this section of the county, his efficiency and conscientious devotion to the best interests of his pupils gaining him many friends. Meantime he had also commenced farming, to which he was reared from boyhood, and in September, 1882, he took possession of his father's old farm. He has now seventy-six acres, located along the Center turnpike between Paxinos and Bear Gap, and gives all his time to his agricultural work, in which he has prospered by intelligent attention to his land. He has served twenty years as assessor in his district, and has always been a leading citizen in influencing public opinion for the good of the community, in which he takes a public-spirited interest. Politically he is a Democrat.

On Jan. 25, 1879, Mr. Repley married Kate Erdman, who was born May 5, 1850, daughter of George and Mary (Knorr) Erdman, and they had children as follows: Edward A. is at home; Gertrude B., twin of Edward, is the wife of Frank Sanders and has two children, Catharine A. and Charles L.; George Henry, who is a carpenter, married Clara Crowl, and they live at Shamokin, Pa.; John C. is at home; Frank E., twin of John, died in infancy. The mother died Feb. 5, 1908, and is buried at the Blue church.

WILLIAM W. FISHER, who has the leading jewelry establishment in the borough of Sunbury, is a man who has developed every branch of his chosen business, a fact which entitles him to rank among the most enterprising citizens of that place, in the best sense of the term. By able management and good judgment he has drawn a high class of trade and raised the standards of excellence in his line until, through him, the community receives as good service as may be found in the larger cities of the State. He is a native of Milton, this county, born Feb. 13, 1861, and belongs to an old family of the county, one which has been settled here for a hundred and twenty-five years.

Joseph Fisher, from whom this family traces its descent, was born in Saxony in April, 1734. At the age of thirteen years, it is said, he was apprenticed to learn a trade, and as was the custom in those days lived in his master's family. This family emigrated to America in 1747, Joseph Fisher and his sister Elizabeth accompanying them, and they landed in New Jersey, where the sister soon died. Joseph remained in the western part of New Jersey and completed his apprenticeship. On June 5, 1764, he married Catharine Minegar, who was born Aug. 24, 1746, in Holland, and they located in Warren county, N. J. During the Revolutionary war he entered the American service from Morris county, N. J. The home he had established, being amid the scenes of several battles and various movements of the Revolution, was destroyed and the surrounding lands laid waste by the armies, and he determined accordingly to move out to Pennsylvania. In 1788 he came to Northumberland county, on April 7th of that year purchasing from Samuel Reeder a farm of 100 acres along the Little Roaring creek. He lived to a good old age, dying Dec. 29, 1819, after a short illness, and was buried Jan. 1, 1820, at Catawissa, beside his wife, who had died in 1809; they rest in the old burial ground of the Lutheran Church at that place. They were the parents of ten children, born as follows: Catharine, June 29, 1765 (married Nicholas Shipman); Henry, July 23, 1767 (married Magdalena Farley); Mary, Dec. 18, 1769 (married Samuel Mutchler); Hannah, Jan. 27, 1772 (married Caleb Farley); Elizabeth, July 21, 1774 (married John Reeder); John, June 19, 1776; Moses, Sept. 23, 1778 (married Elizabeth Bear); David, March 6, 1781; Jacob, Dec. 18, 1783 (married Margaret Kimbpel); Joseph, May 20, 1786 (married Mary Kimbpel).

John Fisher, son of Joseph, was born June 19, 1776, in Sussex county, N. J. On Aug. 13, 1798, he married Elizabeth Mauser, who was born in 1775 in Bucks county, Pa., and died in 1844 in Noble township, Branch Co., Mich. They had four children, namely: John married Lydia Lazarus; Catharine, born June 13, 1801, married

Thomas Shane; William, born Oct. 19, 1806, married Eleanor Blue; Elizabeth, born Sept. 19, 1809, married John Ritter.

William Fisher, son of John, born Oct. 19, 1806, married Dec. 25, 1827, Eleanor Blue, who was born Nov. 22, 1810, in Mahoning township, and after their marriage they resided for a time at Danville, where Mr. Fisher was employed in the store of Peter Baldy. Thence they removed to Milton, Northumberland county, and later to Lock Haven, Pa., where they remained seven years. For the next three years they lived in Philadelphia, during which time Mr. Fisher was burned out in the big fire of 1849, losing everything. He subsequently returned to Milton, where Mrs. Fisher died Jan. 28, 1878, and from that time until his death Mr. Fisher made his home with his daughter Margaret, who was the wife of Thomas Glover. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were the parents of nine children, born as follows: B. Frank, June 15, 1829; Samuel J., April 8, 1831; William A., Oct. 21, 1832 (died Sept. 10, 1885); John K. B., Sept. 2, 1834 (died April 12, 1848); Mary E., Oct. 8, 1836; Charlotte J., March 25, 1840; Margaret E., April 24, 1842; Dudley R., Jan. 8, 1848 (died Sept. 21, 1850); Dudley R. (2), Sept. 25, 1850 (married Sept. 25, 1884, Catharine Ebright).

B. Frank Fisher, son of William, born June 15, 1829, died Oct. 12, 1867. He was engaged in business at Reading, Pa. On Jan. 28, 1858, he married Mary B. Grift, who died Feb. 24, 1878. They had four children: William W., born Feb. 13, 1861; Flora E., born Feb. 26, 1863; Harry B., who died in 1865; and B. Frank, born Sept. 16, 1866.

William W. Fisher was a boy of ten when the family moved to Watsontown, this county, in 1871, and there he attended public school. In 1882 he founded a paper at Watsontown known as the *Star*, the first issue of which appeared April 1, 1882. He was in partnership, in this venture, with Lew C. Fosnot, who is still interested. Mr. Fisher sold his share to Dore Burr in November, 1883, and in March, 1884, the *Watsontown Record* and the *Star* were merged under the name of the *Record and Star*, under which title it has since been published, Lew C. Fosnot and his son, J. Clyde Fosnot, being the present owners. After severing his connection with the newspaper Mr. Fisher entered the stationery and book business in Watsontown, establishing a store in 1885, and for a time he also published band music. In 1888 he went into the jewelry business at Watsontown, where he was located for several years. In 1891 he settled at Sunbury, having that year bought the jewelry business of M. J. Beckley, at No. 344 Market street, where he has since been established. His store is now one of the finest in this part of the State, in regard to both stock and

equipment, the fittings being attractive and in excellent taste, while his comprehensive stock includes diamonds mounted and unmounted, watches, sterling and plated silverware, cut glass and objects of art. A finely equipped repair department, conducted at one end of the store, gives employment to several workmen, and diamond setting, watch and clock and jewelry repairing receive the most skillful attention from experienced mechanics.

A special evidence of Mr. Fisher's enterprise is the optical department connected with his store. He himself took a course at the McCormick Neurological College, at Chicago, Ill., from which he was graduated, receiving his diploma July 19, 1904. His equipment for the diagnosis of all kinds of defective vision is complete, and his understanding of the cause, treatment and cure of the various nervous disorders and other ills of the human system arising from such source has been proved in the numerous cases he has successfully handled. Thus it will be seen that his success is due to a combination of qualities which make him a valuable member of the community in which he resides. He is a Mason of high degree, holding membership in Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; in Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; in Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 84, K. T., and in Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He was a charter member of Maclay Lodge and was elected treasurer upon the organization, having held that position continuously since. He is a past exalted ruler of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, of Sunbury, and is a member of the Temple Club and of the American Club, and president of the Sunbury Auto Club, which was organized July 30, 1909. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church.

On April 16, 1894, Mr. Fisher married Susan Stroh, daughter of George W. Stroh, of Sunbury, Pa. She died Dec. 8, 1910.

JOHN HENRY KREITZER, of Milton, Northumberland county, proprietor of the largest wholesale and retail grocery establishment in that section of the State, president and treasurer of the Kreitzer Wholesale Candy Company, one of the most popular borough officials Milton has ever had, a leader of the Republican party, and active in almost every phase of the life of his locality, is a citizen who deservedly holds the esteem and confidence of the entire community. Mr. Kreitzer has won his standing by hard work and ability in the management of his affairs, and a mere record of his many successful undertakings is sufficient to show how busy a life he leads. None but a man of energy and progressive disposition could handle the numerous enterprises he looks after so ably, and his judgment has been in demand in the execution of public trusts, to which he has

been called time and again. He belongs to a family of German origin established in this county by his great-grandfather, with whom the record of the family history begins.

Peter Kreitzer, a native of Germany, came to America when a young man, settling in Tulpehocken, Berks Co., Pa., in 1762, and there lived until his death. He was a farmer by occupation. He was twice married, his second wife living to be 105 years old, and both wives are buried in Berks county. There were five children by the first union and ten by the second, among them being Frederick, who died in Berks county; William, who went to Illinois, where he died (he has two sons in Texas, both druggists); and Balser.

Balser Kreitzer, son of Peter, was born in Berks county (at what is now Myerstown, Lebanon county) in 1800, and about 1826-27 moved to Milton, Northumberland county, where he lived and died. After his settlement there he did day's work at first, but in time became a contractor, his principal business being lumbering, in the pursuit of which he cleared off most of the timber around Milton. He formed the logs into rafts which he took to market. When the old Lutheran church on Mahoning street was sold at the time of the erection of the new edifice (subsequently destroyed by fire) he purchased it and remodeled it into a dwelling. He himself was a Lutheran in religious belief, and assisted in the building of the first church of that denomination in Milton. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican, and he took an interest in local affairs, holding minor township offices and later borough offices. He died in Milton in 1878, at the age of seventy-eight years, and is buried in Harmony cemetery. His wife, Mary (Zimmerman), of Berks county, Pa., died in 1884, at the age of eighty-four. They had children as follows: John, who was killed in the last battle of the Civil war; George Washington; Jacob, of Milton, formerly a shoe merchant, who married Sarah Beidelman and has children, Edith, Sedosia, Bertha, Frank, Carrie and George; Reuben, who was killed at Milton, on the railroad (he was twice married, his first wife being Emma Crawford, his second Emma Applegate); Sarah, who married Andrew Irvin, and died in 1904; William, who served through the Civil war, and who died at Milton (he married Rebecca Ehrhart); Adam; and Moses, who died in early childhood.

George Washington Kreitzer (known as Washington Kreitzer), son of Balser, was the father of John Henry Kreitzer. He was born in 1828 at Milton, and as was the custom in that day began work early, being only a boy of ten when he began driving a team on the Union canal. His fondness for horses kept him in such work for some time. He drove a packet team for a while and in winter a stagecoach, also carrying the mail up and down

the river for many years. After a time he learned the butcher's trade, and being ambitious he saved his earnings, accumulating enough to enable him to start business independently. He formed a partnership with Conrad Cares, under the firm name of Kreitzer & Cares, and engaged in the meat business in Milton, following that line in all for about eight years. After his association with Mr. Cares was dissolved he had Charles Hoy for a partner. Selling out his interest in the meat business, he was for a time in the employ of William Price Hull, dealer in coal and grain, and later followed the dairy business. During his last years he assisted his son John. A man of strong constitution, he continued to work hard to the end of his days and enjoyed it. He died June 17, 1898, in his seventieth year, and was buried in Harmony cemetery. He was a Republican in politics and served two terms as street commissioner.

Mr. Kreitzer married Mary J. Lohr, daughter of John and Mary A. (Wilson) Lohr, of Iola, Columbia Co., Pa., and she survives him, continuing to make her home in Milton. The following children were born to this union: Mary Catherine, who married John Byers, and lives near Milton; John H.; Sarah Elizabeth, who married William Cowles, formerly of Picture Rock, Pa., now living at Chester; Abraham L., who died in infancy; Ada Nora, who married Augustus Berger, of Watsonstown; and William Washington, who died aged seven years, ten months.

John Henry Kreitzer was born at Milton Oct. 24, 1858, and received his education there in the public schools, which he attended until he was fourteen years of age. Like his father, he began work as a driver on the towpath, and when the canal season closed for the winter he found employment in the office of William Price Hull, at that time a prominent coal and grain dealer of Milton. After two years in his employ he decided to return to school, as he was ambitious to gain a good education, and he was at his studies again for three years. On April 1, 1877, he began clerking for Albert Cadwallader, who had a grocery and provision store in Milton, and made such good progress in learning the details of this business that on Aug. 12, 1879, he was made superintendent of James Buoy's grocery store on Mahoning street. On Jan. 11, 1881, he purchased a half interest in this establishment from Mr. Buoy, the firm name being Buoy & Kreitzer. In May, 1883, this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Kreitzer purchasing Mr. Buoy's interest and continuing the business alone. Such was the beginning of his present extensive business, the largest wholesale and retail grocery house in this section of Pennsylvania. It is located in a fine brick block which Mr. Kreitzer owns and adjoining which, in 1891, he built a large three-story warehouse; since the erection of this building he has enlarged his busi-

ness to include, besides the original lines of groceries and provisions, crockery, wooden and willow wares, grain, hay and feed. In this connection he also deals extensively in country produce, which he ships to other markets. In 1894 he organized the Kreitzer Wholesale Candy Company, dealers in confectionery, fruit and nuts, and he erected and owns the building occupied by this concern, adjoining his grocery establishment. He is president and treasurer of this company, of which M. C. Kreitzer is assistant treasurer and M. E. Kreitzer secretary. Mr. Kreitzer employs from twenty to thirty-five people, and four teams are used in the delivery and transportation of his goods. Since 1898 Mr. Kreitzer has also had a retail store in West Milton, Union county. Since 1894 he has owned a sand plant two miles south of Milton, shipping sand to all parts of Pennsylvania and various portions of New York State—for use in foundry and concrete work, and a particularly fine quality for special uses. Such a record of unbroken success is the lot of few men, but Mr. Kreitzer has won all his triumphs by hard work and upright dealings, and he has the good will of his employees and of all who come in contact with him in business or other relations.

Though he has never neglected his business in any way, Mr. Kreitzer has found time to take a public-spirited interest in the welfare of the community. His influence being valuable, his work is much appreciated, for he has the faculty of infusing energy into movements that need encouragement and of putting through any work he undertakes. He has long been a member of the Board of Trade and is serving as a director, taking an active part in its enterprises. He is a stockholder in the Milton Driving Park and Fair Association, the Milton Knitting Mill and the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company. It was principally through the earnest efforts he put forth that the bridge which spans the river between Milton and West Milton was built, victory rewarding its advocates after three years of hard fighting in the courts; it was opened to travel in 1894. He is the only citizen of Milton who has thrice been honored with election to the office of chief burgess, for terms of three years each, his services extending from 1894 to 1897, from 1900 to 1903, and from 1906 to 1909. The issue upon which he won in his latest campaign when a candidate for this office was the obtaining of mountain water for the borough, and he made good all his promises, no place in the State enjoying purer water or better privileges than Milton. Mr. Kreitzer had previously served three years as councilman, to which office he was elected in 1884; and three years as auditor, to which office he was elected in 1881; so that his active participation in public affairs has covered a long period. He has long been a valued worker in the Republican party. He was elected ward com-

mitteeman in 1887; served two years as judge of election; and was delegate to the State convention in 1902. He was chairman of the Anti-Tramp convention that met in Philadelphia May 15, 1901.

Mr. Kreitzer served nine years as secretary and treasurer of the Baptist Sunday school. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, and socially he unites with the Royal Arcanum.

On Feb. 11, 1886, Mr. Kreitzer married Mary Catharine Ettla, daughter of Capt. George H. and Amanda C. Ettla, and they have one daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

JOSIAH M. KAUFFMAN (deceased) was a prominent citizen of Lower Augusta township, this county, until his removal in 1892 to Sunbury, where he passed the remainder of his life and where his family now reside. He was a man of sterling worth and high personal character. Mr. Kauffman was born in Lower Augusta township, Jan. 7, 1860, son of Daniel and Sarah (Burns) Kauffman and grandson of Daniel and Mary (Ressler) Kauffman, of whose family the following still survive: John R., of Sunbury; Levi, of Paxton, Pa.; Caroline, Mrs. James Coldren, of Sunbury; Lucy, Mrs. Brocius, of Buchanan, Mich.; Malinda, Mrs. I. J. Renn, of Asherton, Pa.; and Rachel, Mrs. James Lower, of Asherton. The family is well known, its various branches being well represented throughout this section of the country.

Daniel Kauffman, son of Daniel and Mary (Ressler) Kauffman, was born Jan. 21, 1834, in Upper Mahanoy township, this county, and was quite young when the family moved to Lower Augusta township, where he resided for many years, engaging in farming. Retiring from agricultural pursuits he removed to Sunbury, when elected county commissioner, and there passed the last twenty-five years of his life. He served one term of three years, 1888-90, as county commissioner, and at the end of his service in that office bought the "Empire House" on Third street, which he continued to carry on until a few years before his death. He then removed to his late residence on Pine street, where he passed the remainder of his days in peaceful retirement. About three weeks before his death he was taken to the Mary M. Packer hospital, where he died after two serious operations, Aug. 25, 1910. With the exception of this illness Mr. Kauffman, although past seventy-six years of age, had enjoyed unusual health, being as strong and active as men many years his junior. His family had always been noted for remarkable vitality, and his death was the first in their circle in thirty years. Mr. Kauffman was a good business man and gave creditable service as county commissioner, being a citizen highly respected throughout his wide circle of friends and acquaintances. During the Civil war he served the Union

as a member of the 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and he became a member of William A. Bruner Post, No. 335, G. A. R.; the flag in Cameron park flew at half mast upon the occasion of his death.

In 1857 Mr. Kauffman married Sarah Burns, daughter of John Burns, of Lower Augusta township, and he survived her only a few weeks, her death taking place when she was seventy-four years old, exactly seven weeks before the day of his funeral, which was held August 28, 1910. They are buried in the Kauffman lot in Pomfret Manor cemetery. Mr. Kauffman was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, and the funeral services were held at his late home on Pine street by Rev. J. N. Wetzler, of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman were survived by three children, namely: Silas D., of Conestoga, N. Y.; Mrs. Clarence Parsons, of Nanticoke, Pa.; and Mrs. Morris Swartz, of Urban, Pa., as well as the widow and children of their late son, Josiah M. Kauffman, of Sunbury. They had a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Josiah M. Kauffman, son of Daniel and Sarah (Burns) Kauffman, received his early education in the public schools of Lower Augusta township and later attended the academy at Selisgrove, this county. He taught school for seven years in Lower Augusta township and one term in Upper Mahanoy township, holding a professional certificate, and meanwhile followed farming during the summer season, having been trained to that vocation from early boyhood. He owned the homestead of his grandfather Daniel in Lower Augusta township (now the property of H. S. Bowersox) and farmed that place for one year; for eleven years he lived upon and cultivated one farm in Lower Augusta township. Moving with his family to Sunbury in 1892, he there passed the remainder of his life, dying April 25, 1908. He is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. In 1898 he erected the building at Nos. 416-418 Market street where Mrs. Kauffman is still engaged in business. Mr. Kauffman was an intelligent citizen, capable in the management of his own affairs and public-spirited in his interest in such matters as affected the general welfare. He served as justice of the peace in Lower Augusta township, resigning the office when he removed to Sunbury, was active in local affairs generally and well known socially, belonging to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., and to the Lutheran Church. He was a regular attendant upon church services and an efficient worker in church and Sunday-school, serving four years as Sunday school superintendent before his removal to Sunbury. He was a staunch Democrat in political matters.

On July 30, 1882, Mr. Kauffman married Esther Bohner, daughter of Henry and Esther (Haas) Bohner, of Plum Creek, Northumberland county,

and they had a family of four children: Sarah Maud, who assists her mother in the millinery business, is the wife of Waldo Shipman; Myrtle May is a public school teacher in Sunbury; Harry S. is an electrician engaged in business at Bloomsburg and Danville, Pa.; Bessie Mabel is a trained nurse. The family are Lutherans and Presbyterians in religious connection.

When the family removed to Sunbury Mrs. Kauffman opened a millinery establishment at No. 416 Market street, where she is still located, and she enjoys the leading trade in the borough as well as a large share of the custom from the surrounding district. She carries a full line of millinery, and is an obliging and capable business woman, well deserving the success which has rewarded her efforts. In 1909 she erected a double residence at Nos. 417-419 Woodlawn avenue, Sunbury.

CAPT. JACOB F. HOFFMAN, now living retired at Herndon, Northumberland county, is a native of Dauphin county, Pa., and a member of a family long established in that section. His great-great-grandfather settled in Berks county, in what was then the Province of Pennsylvania, early in the eighteenth century, and his great-grandfather, John Nicholas Hoffman, was at the battle of Brandywine, during the Revolutionary war, where he picked up a spent case shot. The Hoffmans have been patriotic citizens, members of the family having served in the Revolution, the war of 1812 and the Civil war. At the close of the latter five sons of Amos Hoffman were still in the service, while another, Henry, had done his part also as a soldier.

Jacob Hoffman, son of John Nicholas, was the grandfather of Capt. Jacob F. Hoffman. He was born in the Lykens valley, in Lykens township, Dauphin Co., Pa., was a substantial farmer, and an influential man in his community, serving as member of the State Legislature from 1822 to 1824. His wife, who was a Ferree, was of French descent. They had children as follows: Jacob, who lives at Harrisburg, now (1910) nearly ninety years old; Amos; Hannah, who married John Rumberger; Sarah, who married Michael Forney; and Mrs. Abraham Hess.

Amos Hoffman, son of Jacob, was born in May, 1809, in Lykens township, Dauphin county, was a lifelong farmer, and died at Girardville, Schuylkill county, about 1899, in his eighty-ninth year. He is buried at Berrysburg, Dauphin county. He married Amanda Harper, and they were the parents of ten children: Henry, who served in the Civil war as a private in the 8th Illinois Cavalry; Thomas W., who became a lieutenant colonel in the Civil war; Capt. Jacob F.; Edwin A., who served as sergeant in the Civil war; John H., who was a drummer in the Civil war, though but fif-

teen years old at the time; George M.; Charles H.; Joseph W.; Henrietta, wife of William Willard; and Adaline, wife of Charles Koser.

Jacob F. Hoffman was born Dec. 25, 1841, in Lykens township, Dauphin Co., Pa., and there received his elementary education in the public schools, later attending Berrysburg Seminary several terms. For one term he taught school. He then engaged in the general merchandise business at Pillow, Dauphin county, and afterward at Berrysburg, where he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining the 26th Regiment of Pennsylvania militia, which was among the first troops in the field in the emergency just before the battle of Gettysburg. This command met White's Cavalry and defeated them, then fell back to Fort Washington, at Bridgeport, where they were held during the battle with other troops. After the battle they followed Lee as far south as Greencastle. They were regularly sworn into the Federal service, uniformed and paid by the Federal government, and the regiment has a monument at Gettysburg. The company to which Captain Hoffman belonged was mustered out at Harrisburg in the latter part of July, 1863. After that he went to Harrisburg and clerked for Kelker Brothers, and in August, 1864, he again entered the service, becoming first lieutenant of Company A, 208th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was sent to the front with other troops, arriving at Bermuda Hundred in September, 1864. It was brigaded with the 200th, 205th, 207th, 209th and 211th Pennsylvania regiments, forming the light brigade commanded by Colonel Patter of the 12th New Hampshire Regiment, and which for about two months did picket duty between Dutch Gap and Petersburg. In the latter part of November it was transferred to the Army of the Potomac, in which the six regiments mentioned formed the 3d Division of the 9th Army Corps, commanded by Gen. J. F. Hartranft. The brigade did reserve duty with the 1st Division, consisting of the 200th, 208th and 209th Regiments. On March 25, 1865, General Gordon made an assault upon Fort Steadman and batteries 9, 10, 12 and 13, which he captured. The 1st Brigade, 3d Division, came to the rescue and fought the enemy successfully. Captain Hoffman was wounded in the right thigh during this engagement. When the 2d Brigade came to the relief of the 1st both brigades charged the enemy, which fled across the lines, and all that had been lost to the 1st Division of the 9th Army Corps was recaptured, but with a loss of 4,500 men in dead, wounded and captured. On the Belfield raid Captain Hoffman had charge of the advance guard over the Jerusalem Plank Road, also commanding Company A of the 208th Regiment at Hatcher's Run and Fort Steadman. After being wounded he was sent to City Point hospital and from there home on leave of absence.

Recovering to some extent, he rejoined his regiment at Alexandria, Va., but was not accepted for duty and was sent to Armory Square hospital, at Washington, D. C. He was mustered out by order of the war department June 23, 1865.

Following the Civil war Captain Hoffman and his brother Col. Thomas W. Hoffman embarked in the general merchandise business at Port Treverton, Snyder Co., Pa., where they carried on a store for thirty years, doing well throughout that period. From 1896 the Captain followed other avocations. Meantime, in January, 1891, he had taken up his residence at Port Treverton, where he made his home until his removal to Herndon, Northumberland county, in 1902. There he has since lived in comparative retirement, though he maintains business relations with the John Winston Publishing House of Philadelphia, and the National Silverware Company of the same city, not being content to be entirely without occupation. He is a much respected resident of the borough, where he is well known.

Captain Hoffman's first wife, Martha (Witmer), daughter of Abraham Witmer, of Juniata county, Pa., died Oct. 16, 1892, after eighteen years of married life, aged forty-one years, ten months, twenty-eight days. She was the mother of two sons: Charles H., who is engaged as shipping clerk at Burnham, Pa., for the Logan Steel & Iron Company; and Edwin S., a machinist employed at the National Gun Works, Washington, D. C. On Jan. 2, 1905, Captain Hoffman married (second) Mary Agnes Blasser, daughter of Abraham D. Blasser.

For many years Captain Hoffman has been an active member of the G. A. R., is at present serving as assistant patriotic instructor, and is chaplain of John C. Arnold Post, No. 407, of Port Treverton. In religious matters he is identified with the United Brethren Church, of which he has been a member since 1874. He held the office of class leader for twenty-two years, was Sunday school superintendent for eight years, and is now superintendent of the Union Sunday school at Herndon. He is also president of the Northumberland county district of the State Sunday School Association. Captain Hoffman was made a Mason in Lafayette Lodge, F. & A. M., in 1869.

THOMAS REESE WILLIAMS, postmaster at Mount Carmel, has in various ways been associated with public affairs there, directly or indirectly, for many years. He was at one time city editor of the Mount Carmel *Daily News*, was recently representative of the district in the State Legislature, and has served as a member of the school board from the First ward. In all these associations he has proved a reliable and capable worker, worthy of the trusts reposed in him. Mr. Williams is a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., born Feb. 1,

1875, at Minersville, but has lived at Mount Carmel since he was a year old.

David Williams, grandfather of Thomas Reese Williams, was a native of South Wales and came to America in 1829. His first location in this country was at Carbondale, Lackawanna Co., Pa., where he was engaged as foreman for the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company. In 1836 he removed to Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., thence to Summit Hill, Carbon Co., this State, where for five years he operated the mine known as Spring Tunnel. He then became general agent for the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, which position he held until his death, Nov. 6, 1848. His wife's name was Sarah.

Benjamin H. Williams, son of David and Sarah, was born July 19, 1833, at Carbondale, Lackawanna Co., Pa., and grew to manhood in this State, receiving his education in the various places at which the family lived. In 1852 he went out to California, where he spent five years, engaged in gold mining. Returning to Pennsylvania he remained a year, in 1858 again going to California, where he continued to reside until 1874. He has since made his home in Pennsylvania, and has been a resident of Mount Carmel since 1876. For a number of years after settling in the borough he followed coal mining, but he retired from that business several years ago, and since 1905 has been engaged in the grocery business at No. 15 North Maple street. He is a substantial and respected citizen of Mount Carmel, where he is well known. In politics he is a Republican.

On June 20, 1859, Mr. Williams married Catharine Morgan, of Minersville, Pa., and they celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage June 20, 1909. Eleven children were born to their union, namely: David is a resident of Mount Carmel and engaged as fire boss at the Richard Colliery; George is engaged in the hotel business at Mount Carmel; Franklin is deceased; Wesley is superintendent of the Black Diamond coal mine near Seattle, Wash.; Thomas Reese is mentioned below; Garfield lives at Seattle, Wash.; Emma (deceased) was the wife of Squire William Amour, of Mount Carmel; Sarah E. married Roscoe Fegley, deceased, and resides at Mount Carmel; Carrie is the wife of Henry Marsh and lives in Philadelphia; Lottie is the wife of David Muir, of Shamokin, Pa.; Ella M., unmarried, lives with her parents.

Thomas Reese Williams was a year old when his parents settled at Mount Carmel. He attended the local public schools and later was a student at the Shamokin Business College, from which he was graduated, in 1893, after which he did office work for some time at Mount Carmel. He read law under Hon. Lincoln S. Walter, at Mount Carmel, and at this period gained his first experience in the postal service, being a local mail carrier for

four years and three months. For one year he was city editor of the Mount Carmel *Daily News*. In 1905 Mr. Williams bought the well known "Valley House" near the Pennsylvania railroad station in Mount Carmel, and conducted that hotel for three years and three months, making a success of the business. In 1908 he was elected to the State Legislature on the Republican ticket, receiving a flattering majority, and gave most satisfactory service throughout his term. He received his appointment as postmaster of Mount Carmel, to succeed the late George H. Cope, on Jan. 28, 1910. Mr. Williams is a director of the Miners' and Laborers' Building and Loan Association.

On Sept. 18, 1902, Mr. Williams married Edith Wightman, daughter of Charles and Sarah Wightman. To them has been born one son, Glenn.

JOHN A. WERT, proprietor of the Wert department store at Shamokin, has been sole owner of that establishment since 1890 and began his mercantile career in the borough several years previously. His interests have expanded steadily, his connection with various enterprises of the borough showing him to be a man of progressive as well as active impulses. His ability as a manager has had many practical demonstrations.

Mr. Wert was born in Jordan township, Northumberland county, June 30, 1864, son of Moses Wert and great-grandson of Henry Wert. The name is spelled Wirt by many members of the family, and the earlier spelling was probably Wirth, as shown by tombstone records. The Werts are of German origin. Adam, the first of this line to come to America from Germany, arrived in this country with his wife Eva before the Revolutionary war, and settled at or above what is now the site of Millersburg, in Dauphin county, Pa. These pioneers had nine sons, who settled in different parts of the country, the family becoming scattered over New Jersey, the Carolinas, Ohio and through the West, besides having many representatives in Pennsylvania.

John Wert, the second, father of Henry, lived in the Lykens Valley, about two miles above Millersburg.

Henry Wert (or Wirt) was a pioneer farmer of the Mahantango valley in Northumberland county, having settled in that section when the Indians still roamed the forests, and the red men were neighborly with "Henner" Wirt, to whom they bade farewell when they left the region. He and his wife Elizabeth are buried side by side at the Stone Valley church in Lower Mahanoy, where we find the following tombstone records: Johann Heinrich Wirth, born Dec. 22, 1769, died June 2, 1846; his wife Elizabeth, born Nov. 30, 1771, died Sept. 6, 1838. They had children as follows: John and Michael, who both lived in the Mahantango valley (Michael was born March 16, 1798,

died Dec. 27, 1872; wife Lydia, born June 18, 1809, died Sept. 2, 1884); Henry and Philip, who lived in the Sugar Valley, near Lewisburg, Pa.; Mrs. Philip Kerstetter; Mrs. Michael Schaffer, and Mrs. Peter Bischoff.

John Wirt, son of Henry, lived for a number of years in the Mahantango Valley, in 1838 settling at Mandata, where he engaged in the milling business. That year he built the frame mill at Mandata which is still standing, and he followed the business for a number of years, prospering continuously. He acquired considerable land about Mandata. He and his family worshipped at the Stone Valley church, where he and his wife Barbara, daughter of Matthias Witmer, are buried, their tombstone records reading as follows: Johannes Wirth, born Nov. 16, 1795, died Sept. 8, 1852; his wife Barbara, born Nov. 30, 1794, died July 30, 1871. Their children were as follows: Lydia married David Campbell; Elizabeth was the second wife of David Campbell; Catharine married Jacob Garman; Anna married Frederick Snyder; Mary married Martin Harris; Michael died soon after his marriage to Mary Lesher; John married Judith Wentzel; Daniel (born May 6, 1829, died Sept. 5, 1855) was a particularly well built and strong man, and operated the Mandata mill for ten years (he and his wife Rebecca Seiler had one son, John, and one daughter, Sarah); Moses married Mary Ann Spatz.

Moses Wert, son of John, was born Jan. 24, 1832, in the Mahantango Valley in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. He was a lifelong farmer, living in Jordan township, near Mandata (where he had a tract of two hundred acres), until fourteen or fifteen years before his death, when he retired. Upon giving up active labor he settled in Herndon, where he died in 1904. His widow still occupies their home at that place. He was a man well known and highly respected, and though he devoted himself principally to the management of his own affairs, he served as supervisor. He was a Democrat in politics and in religion a Lutheran, his family adhering to the same belief. In his earlier years he belonged to the Stone Valley Church, but after removing to Herndon he became a member of the church there, and he is buried in the Wirt and Shaffer family plot at Herndon. He was a devout Christian and an enthusiastic church worker, serving in various church offices and taking a keen interest in the welfare of the Sunday school.

Mr. Wert married Mary Ann Spatz and they had four children, namely: Clara Rebecca married George T. Shaffer, of Herndon, who is deceased; Emma J. married John P. Tressler, of Herndon; Alveretta, who died in 1886, was the wife of Dr. Fred D. Raker, of Shamokin; John A. married Ellen S. Eisenhart.

John A. Wert received the public school ad-

vantages in his native township and later attended Berrysburg Academy. He remained at home with his father until he reached the age of eighteen years, since when he has been identified with his present line of business. Beginning as a clerk in the employ of J. P. Tressler, at Herndon, he came thence to Shamokin in 1884 and for one year clerked in the store of C. L. Sowers and D. K. Haas. Later he was engaged for two years with D. K. Haas, whom he bought out in 1887, in 1888 forming a partnership with N. C. Wolverton. They did business as Wert & Wolverton until 1890, in which year the association was dissolved, and Mr. Wert has since done business alone. In 1899 he erected the fine store in which the business has since been located, at Nos. 215 to 219 West Spruce street. The store is well stocked with seasonable and up-to-date goods, Mr. Wert having the faculty of meeting the demands of his customers and the good business judgment to introduce new lines which create further demand, the trade multiplying of itself as one good suggestion follows another. His high reputation for honorable dealing he strives to maintain in every possible way.

Though merchandising has been his principal interest Mr. Wert has done what every enterprising business man should do, encouraged the introduction of modern business institutions of every kind into his community, and he is a director of the Market Street National Bank, director and vice president of the Croninger Packing Company, and director of the West Ward & Black Diamond Building and Loan Association. He is a prominent member of Trinity Lutheran Church, in which he has held all the offices and has served as Sunday school teacher. Fraternally he belongs to Lodge No. 664, I. O. O. F., and to Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A., being particularly prominent in the latter organization as president of the P. O. S. of A. Hall Association.

On Jan. 27, 1887, Mr. Wert married Ellen S. Eisenhart, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Beisel) Eisenhart, and they have a family of seven children, namely: Alva M., W. Ray, Minnie G., Howard D., Norma L., Sarah E. and Mary E.

CURTIS Q. McWILLIAMS is one of a group of energetic citizens of Shamokin who have long been regarded as arbiters of matters affecting its advancement. His judgment and foresight, especially in the field of public utilities, have made him a valuable factor in their promotion, and for a quarter of a century he has been identified with almost every important enterprise of the kind undertaken in the borough. Progressive in his own affairs, he has advocated many public improvements in advance of their apparent usefulness, and he is regarded as a farseeing, intelligent business man, with a broad outlook on questions affecting public and private interests.

Mr. McWilliams was born in Shamokin Sept. 10, 1852, son of J. Scott and Catharine (Fagely) McWilliams and grandson of Robert McWilliams. The latter settled at Elysburg, Northumberland county, where he died. He married Margaret Craig (a sister of his brother David's wife) and they had five children: Sarah (died unmarried), John Scott, William J., Samuel W., and Mary H. (married Paterson Johnson and resides at Danville, Pennsylvania).

John Scott McWilliams was born in what was then Shamokin township, and died in 1893. He is buried at St. Peter's (the Blue) church, in Ralpho township, Northumberland county, where both his wives are also interred. His first wife, Catharine (Fagely), died in 1854, and he subsequently married her sister Ellen, who died Feb. 11, 1900.

Curtis Q. McWilliams was reared at Elysburg, where he received his early education in the public schools and at the academy. When fifteen years old he came to Shamokin, where he had found employment as clerk in the store of Valentine Fagely, later entering the employ of Reuben and William Fagely, pioneer business men there. Ambitious to gain a better education than he had been able to acquire in his boyhood, he went to the famous Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1870, and the following year was given charge of the store of William and Reuben Fagely, continuing with them in that capacity until the autumn of 1874. He then resumed study once more, entering Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., where he remained for two terms. In April, 1875, he left that institution to look after the various interests of Reuben Fagely, remaining with him until he died, after which he acted as executor of the estate.

Meantime, on May 1, 1878, Mr. McWilliams began his independent business career, becoming a partner of the late Darlington R. Kulp in the lumber business, under the firm name of Kulp & McWilliams. The following year they added two lines, ice and brick, and on Jan. 1, 1882, W. C. McConnell became a member of the firm, which from that time was known as Kulp, McWilliams & Co. On Aug. 15, 1886, this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Kulp taking the lumber interests, Messrs. McWilliams and McConnell continuing as partners in the ice and brick business until 1903. Mr. McWilliams then sold his interests in that business. However, he still retains other important connections. He is a stockholder in and director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company. For many years he has been one of the chief workers in the management of the various water companies which have had such a large share in the prosperity of Shamokin and surrounding places. He was one of the incorporators of the Roaring Creek, Anthracite and Bear Gap Water Companies, and served as treasurer of all three of these con-

cerns from the time of organization, being president, treasurer and manager of the Bear Gap Water Company and president and manager of the Roaring Creek Water Company. He is now also president of the Shamokin Water Company, of which he was the treasurer from May, 1886, until 1899. His familiarity with the workings of these companies, and his long experience in their administration, make him an authority and a valuable counselor, as the success of the various companies attests.

Mr. McWilliams was married Oct. 7, 1879, to Louisa Geywitz, daughter of John and Anna (Schmid) Geywitz, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to Shamokin before their marriage. Mr. Geywitz died in 1888, his widow continuing to make her home in Shamokin. To Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams were born four children, Guy E. (born Sept. 23, 1882, died Nov. 26, 1898), Ida Catharine (born May 20, 1885), John Scott and Douglass E. The family belong to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Socially Mr. McWilliams is a Mason, holding membership in Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M., and Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T. In political matters he is a Republican. He is a member of the Union League, Philadelphia.

FAGELY. The Fagely family is of German origin and was founded in Pennsylvania by Jacob and Maria Eve Fagely, who came to this country from the Old World in 1733 in the ship "Samuel," of London, Hugh Percy master, from Rotterdam, last from Deal, which qualified Aug. 17, 1733. Jacob Fagely was thirty-two years old at the time, his wife, Maria Eve, twenty-seven; their son, Christian, was four years old.

Christian Fagely, son of the emigrant, had a son George.

George Fagely, son of Christian, had a son Christian, who was the great-grandfather of Mr. Curtis Q. McWilliams, of Shamokin.

Christian Fagely, son of George, was born Sept. 28, 1764, in Maiden-creek township, Berks Co., Pa., and moved with his family to Shamokin township, Northumberland county, in 1808. There he spent the rest of his life, engaged in farming, purchasing a large tract of uncultivated land which he cleared and improved, becoming one of the leading and most prosperous agriculturists in his community. He died Dec. 31, 1845, and is buried at the Blue church. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. His wife, Magdalena (Lehman), who was born April 1, 1773, in Berks county, died June 19, 1843, and is buried at the Blue church in Northumberland county. They were married in June, 1792, and had a large family, as follows: Elizabeth, born March 16, 1794, married Henry Martz, and died in May, 1870; Catharine, born

Dec. 4, 1795, married Jacob Unger, and they went West, where they died; John was born Feb. 28, 1797; Benjamin, born Nov. 21, 1798, died unmarried; Hannah, born Dec. 1, 1800, died young; Solomon, born June 19, 1802, died Sept. 6, 1883; Hannah (2), born March 31, 1804, was the last survivor of the family; William, born Jan. 5, 1806, died Feb. 17, 1874, unmarried (he was the first postmaster at Shamokin); Amos was born Feb. 1, 1808; Mary Magdalena, born March 21, 1810, died young; Nathan, born June 30, 1812, left a daughter; Reuben, born July 25, 1814, died Feb. 21, 1880, unmarried.

Solomon Fagely, son of Christian, born June 19, 1802, in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, was reared in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, having been but six years old when the family settled there. He was educated in the common schools and was reared to farming, which he followed principally all his life, also conducting a hotel at Mount Carmel two years and later operating a mill at Paxinos for several years. He then returned to the old homestead, where he farmed the rest of his life. He was a prominent man in the community in his day. With his wife and family he belonged to the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was originally a Democrat, later (after the breaking out of the Civil war) a Republican. He died Sept. 6, 1883, and is buried at the Blue church.

In 1823 Solomon Fagely married Maria Eve Klase, who was born Dec. 20, 1803, in Northampton county, Pa., and died Feb. 13, 1887; she, too, is buried at the Blue church. She was a daughter of Valentine and Maria Eve Klase, the latter born Oct. 1, 1766, in Northampton county, Pa., dying Aug. 2, 1838; she is buried at Snyderstown, Pa. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fagely: Eliza, born Oct. 4, 1824, in Shamokin township, married Solomon Weaver, of Sunbury, and died Aug. 22, 1879 (she is buried at Sunbury); Valentine, born in 1826, in Shamokin township, lived at Shamokin in retirement; Rosanna, born March 17, 1828, in Shamokin township, died Sept. 17, 1883, and is buried at Sunbury (she was twice married, first to John Sober, and second to Henry Tregellas, of Sunbury); Catharine, born Aug. 28, 1830, in Shamokin township, was the first wife of J. Scott McWilliams, and died Oct. 31, 1854; Caroline, born Jan. 26, 1832, in Shamokin township, married Willoughby Haas, of Shamokin township, died May 25, 1906, and is buried at the Blue church; William, born Nov. 20, 1833, in Shamokin township, died Aug. 5, 1856, and is buried at the Blue church; Henry K., born March 15, 1836, in Shamokin township, lived in Sunbury, where he was proprietor of the Standard Wire Nail Works and of a general merchandise store; Harriet, born April 7, 1838, in Shamokin township, died July

1, 1839, and is buried at the Blue church; Ellen, born Jan. 8, 1840, in Mount Carmel, Pa., was the second wife of J. Scott McWilliams, and died Feb. 1, 1900; Mary Eve, born March 9, 1843, in Shamokin township, died March 21, 1860, and is buried at the Blue church; George K., born Nov. 24, 1845, in Shamokin township, was formerly sheriff of Northumberland county.

FETTEROLF. The Fetterolf (Federolf, Fetherolf) family, two of whose representatives in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, are Edward and Daniel Fetterolf, brothers, is of Dutch origin, its founder in this country, Peter Federolf, having been a native of Wachbach, Holland, born in 1699. In 1729 or 1730 he married Anna Maria Rothermel, only daughter and eldest of the six children of Johannes and Sabilla (Zimmerman) Rothermel. In 1730 Peter Federolf and his wife accompanied his father-in-law to America, the voyage being made in the "Thistle," and about 1732 he and his wife and one of her brothers, Leonard and Rothermel, located in Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., where Peter Federolf acquired a large acreage of what has become valuable farm land, upon which he passed the remainder of his life, dying there. His property was partly in Hereford township and partly in Longswamp township, and he made his home near what is now Seisholtzville, near the line of Lehigh county. Leonard Rothermel located in Perry township, Berks county, before the Revolution, and there died at an advanced age, leaving a large family.

Peter Federolf was a man of more than ordinary importance in his locality, not only because he was a large land owner, but because his successful management of his own affairs showed him entitled to influence and leadership in the conduct of such matters as affected the general welfare. He reared a family of seven children, who became connected by marriage with other substantial old families of the county, and all of whom are mentioned in his last will and testament (on record in the courthouse at Reading, Will Book B), made July 19, 1784, and probated Sept. 16, 1784, showing that he died during the summer of that year. The witnesses to the will were Henry Bortz and Christopher Schultz, the executors Paul Groscup, of Rockland township, who was the testator's true and trusty friend (he was the ancestor of Judge Peter Groscup, the Federal jurist of Chicago), Jacob Fetherolf, the eldest son, and Christopher Bittenbender, blacksmith, a son-in-law. In later years this Christopher Bittenbender obtained the original Federolf homestead, on which is located the Federolf private burial ground, where the emigrant ancestor, Peter, is buried, as well as Christopher Bittenbender, his wife, and some of their children. The will sets forth that the son Jacob was to have three hundred acres of land;

the son-in-law, Christopher Bittenbender, one hundred acres of land; the six children of the son Peter, who predeceased his father, three hundred pounds of money (divided between them); that the son Philip, deceased, left one daughter; that the daughter Catharine was twice married, first to John Siegfried and after his death to Abraham Zimmerman; that the daughter Barbara married a Hehn (name now spelled Hain); the daughter Magdalena married Christopher Bittenbender, who was a blacksmith and farmer, and who as previously noted eventually acquired the old homestead of Peter Federolf, which remained in the Bittenbender name until 1908. About 1840 a valuable find of iron ore was discovered on this property, and some of the Bittenbenders became wealthy thereby, the ore mines being worked until the early eighties.

Jacob Fetherolf was born Feb. 16, 1762, and died April 6, 1823; he is buried at Wessnersville, Berks Co., Pa. His wife Catharine, born May 12, 1760, died Jan. 10, 1849. (There was a Jacob Fetherolf, son of Peter, who died in Albany township in 1823, and whose will is on record in Will Book 5, page 412. He left sons John and Peter.)

The will of a Peter Fetherolf of Berks county who died in 1840 is also on record (Will Book 8, page 242). He died without sons, and John S. Kistler and William Mosser were the executors.

Johann Peter Fetherolf, ancestor of the Northumberland county branch of the family, was born June 30, 1774, in Hereford township, Berks county, and was one of the six children of Peter Federolf, son of the emigrant Peter Federolf, mentioned in the latter's will. He came to this region before his marriage and here wedded Anna Maria Dunkelberger, who was born Sept. 2, 1772. They lived for some years in Cameron township, where their children were born, later settling on a large farm in Upper Mahantango township, across the line in Schuylkill county, which Mr. Fetherolf purchased from a man named Carl, who got the best of the bargain. He did not tell Fetherolf that there was a mortgage upon the property, which he (Fetherolf) was obliged to pay, so that the transaction proved an expensive one. Nevertheless, he became a most successful man, and by the time of his death had accumulated a large estate. His original tract in Upper Mahantango township is now divided into three farms, the one on which the first set of buildings was erected, and on which Johann Peter Fetherolf lived, being now the property of William Mattern. When he came to the Mahantango Valley the Mahantango creek was alive with fine fish, and he and his family found them an acceptable addition to the larder in those days when variety in food could not always be obtained even by the well-to-do. Johann Peter Fetherolf died Nov. 2, 1848, his wife on Feb. 7, 1853, and they are buried at the Salem

(Herb) Church, located immediately across the Northumberland county line in Schuylkill county, where some of their children also rest. In religious faith the family were all Lutherans, Johann Peter Fetherolf was a saddler by trade, and he was a short-set man physically. His ten children were: Samuel, Peter, John, Joseph, George, Joseph (2), Daniel, Mrs. Josiah Geist, Mrs. Joseph Dunkelberger and Mrs. John Zimmerman. We give some account of the six sons who reached maturity.

Samuel Fetterolf, son of Johann Peter, was born Oct. 11, 1800, and died March 29, 1880. He was a worker in a fulling or carding mill, where wool was manufactured, the old establishment standing on the Little Mahantango creek. Later he owned and operated a grist and saw mill, and he was a large land owner, having 360 acres of land at County Line, in which region he was a most useful and influential citizen, being a man of extensive business interests. In his grist and saw mill he gave employment to a number of hands, and he built a number of dams or retaining walls, upon which he expended considerable money, and which also afforded work for many men. He also built a large brick house and several barns. His example and encouragement were powerful factors for good in the development and betterment of his section, in more than a material sense. He was a pillar of the church of his choice, he and his wife being active members of the Evangelical Association, and they are buried side by side at the Bingaman meeting-house near County Line, the Lower Mahanoy Church of that denomination. Mrs. Fetterolf, whose maiden name was Rachel Maurer, was born Dec. 15, 1807, daughter of John Maurer, of Lehigh county, Pa., and died Sept. 21, 1889, at the home of her son Daniel. Their ten children were: Elizabeth, Mrs. Peter Kehler; Catharine, Mrs. John C. Renn; Sarah, Mrs. George Kehler; Hannah, Mrs. Isaiah Kiehl; Lydia, Mrs. John D. Deibler; Felix, whose wife Elizabeth died Aug. 30, 1900, aged sixty-four years, six months, ten days; Daniel; Samuel; John, and Elias. Of this family,

Daniel Fetterolf, a farmer of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, born July 1, 1835, has been an agriculturist all his life. In 1860 he began farming on his own account in Dauphin county, at County Line, being a tenant for ten years. In 1870 he purchased his present farm, a tract of eighty-three acres which was formerly the John Kohl homestead (it was much larger in Mr. Kohl's time). Mr. Fetterolf has since occupied and cultivated this farm, and he has prospered steadily, in 1907 building the attractive frame residence which now adorns the property. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served as election officer and filled the position of supervisor in his township. His wife, Sarah,

was a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Shutt) Spotts and granddaughter of John Spotts. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fetterolf: Amelia (deceased) married Jacob H. Schaffer, and their only son, Charles F., is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Alexander was accidentally killed in a runaway, when a young man.

Peter Fetherolf (tombstone inscription Fetterolf), son of Johann Peter, was born Jan. 6, 1806, and died March 16, 1861. He lived in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, following farming. He married Sarah Reiner, born Feb. 26, 1805, who died Sept. 13, 1887, and they had children: Harris, Peter (who was an undertaker), Elias, Hettie, Katie, Mary (married Nelson Knorr) and Elizabeth (married Isaac Knorr).

John Fetherolf, son of Johann Peter, was a farmer. His first wife, whose maiden name was Maurer, is buried with him at Kimmel's Church. She was the mother of Peter, Daniel and Jesse; and by his second wife, who was a sister of the first, he had one son, Frank Dengler Fetherolf, named after his sponsor, Frank Dengler.

George Fetterolf, son of Johann Peter, was born March 11, 1809, and died Dec. 31, 1888. By trade he was a shoemaker, but farming was his principal occupation. Through his wife he obtained the homestead of his father-in-law, Johann Nicholas Rebuck, which was located in Upper Mahanoy township on the public road between Rough & Ready and Urban, now owned by Edward Fetterolf, grandson of George. His wife, Polly (Rebuck), born March 30, 1810, was a daughter of Johann Nicholas Rebuck (1771-1855) and his wife Magdalena Wolfgang (1777-1859). She died aged eighty-five years, three days. Mr. and Mrs. Fetterolf are buried at the Salem (Herb) Church, which he served in the offices of deacon and elder. They were the parents of ten children: Adam and Emanuel are mentioned later in this article; George is a resident of Illinois; Gabriel lives at Heplers, Schuylkill county; Dinah died unmarried; Amanda married George Wolfgang; four died young, George and three who were older than he.

Joseph Fetherolf, born May 25, 1813, died July 11, 1882. He married Abby Rice, who was born April 12, 1815, and died Dec. 24, 1890, and they were farming people in Upper Mahantango township, living near Heplers post office. Their children were: Joseph, Daniel, Samuel, Alice, Hettie, and Amelia (married James Thomas).

Daniel Fetherolf, son of Johann Peter, married a Miss Miller, and they had one daughter, Katie, who married Henry Herb. Daniel Fetherolf died at a comparatively early age, of smallpox, and he and his wife are buried at Klinger's Church. (There is a Daniel Feterolf buried there, born April 27, 1804, died Aug. 13, 1830.)

Adam Fetterolf, son of George, was born May

27, 1834, in Upper Mahanoy township, of which his brothers and sisters were also natives, and has passed all his life there, being now one of the oldest residents of that section. He received his education in the German subscription schools conducted during his boyhood, and worked for his parents until he reached the age of thirty, soon after the Civil war commencing farming for himself on his father's place, where he continued to live and work for eight years. In 1877 he purchased his present place, to which he removed at that time, and which consists of 105 acres of valuable land. He is a Democrat in political connection and a Lutheran in religion, he and his family belonging to the Lutheran congregation at the Salem (Herb) Church, which he served as elder four years. In 1867 he married Mary Brown, daughter of Michael and Peggy (Erdman) Brown; ten children have been born to this union: Sarah, Lydia, Nathan, Mary, George Henry, David, Harriet, Wilson, Victor, and one that died young.

Emanuel Fetterolf, son of George, farmed his father's homestead, of which he became the owner. It is located on the public road between Leck Kill and Klingerstown, the latter being his post office. He was a useful man in his district, serving as school director, and he was an active member of the Lutheran congregation at the Salem Church, which he served as deacon and elder. He was a Democrat in politics. He died Nov. 26, 1894, aged fifty-seven years, ten months, six days, and is buried at the Salem Church. Mr. Fetterolf married Catharine Knorr, daughter of John and Catharine (Schadle) Knorr, and since his death she has become the wife of Nathan Steely, of Schuylkill county. By her union with Mr. Fetterolf she was the mother of seven children: Catharine married Samuel Ressler and they live in Upper Mahanoy township; Edward is mentioned later; John M. died at the age of twenty-seven years, unmarried; Daniel C. is mentioned later; Emma J. married Samuel Schmeltz and they live in Schuylkill county; two died young.

EDWARD FETTEROLF, a farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, was born there, on his father's homestead, Oct. 2, 1867, and attended the township schools during his boyhood. He was reared to farming, working for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-four, and in the spring of 1891 began cultivating his grandfather's place, where he lived for fifteen years. He then purchased the fine farm he now owns and occupies, which contains fifty-eight acres along the road between Leck Kill and Line Mountain. It was the old John Diehl homestead. Mr. Fetterolf has made a number of improvements on this property during his ownership, and he also owns the homestead of his grandfather, George Fetterolf, now comprising 127 acres. He is a prosperous, enterprising and highly respected citizen of his dis-

trict, where he has been chosen to the office of school director, in which he has been serving for the last five years.

In December, 1894, Mr. Fetterolf married Cevilla Snyder, daughter of Levi Snyder, of Upper Mahanoy township, whose wife was a Diehl. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Fetterolf are members of the Salem (Herb) Church, and he has served as deacon.

DANIEL C. FETTEROLF, now farming his father's old homestead in Upper Mahanoy township, was born there Feb. 7, 1871, and received his education in the local common schools. Farming has been his occupation all his life, and he worked for his parents until he attained his majority. In the spring of 1895 he began working the home place on his own account, purchasing the property from his father's estate. This place was formerly the homestead of Paul Brosius, from whom George Fetterolf purchased it for his son Emanuel, father of the present owner. The house was built many years ago and was remodeled by the late Emanuel Fetterolf. The barn was erected in 1904 by Daniel C. Fetterolf, to replace the one destroyed by fire May 10th of that year. The farm contains 110 acres, which Mr. Fetterolf has under profitable cultivation. He is an industrious and intelligent worker, and has taken his place among the progressive farmers of his district.

On Dec. 26, 1903, Mr. Fetterolf married Lydia Rebeck, daughter of Jonas and Rebecca (Malick) Rebeck, and they have had two children, Minnie G. and Lottie D. Mr. Fetterolf and his family are Lutheran members of the Salem Union Church, located just across the Northumberland line in Schuylkill county. Politically he is a Democrat.

NATHAN F. MARTZ, of Sunbury, is the oldest living member of the Martz family, which has been settled in Northumberland county for at least a century, and he has long been known as the "grand old man" of that borough, where over half of his ninety years have been passed. He is a grandson of David Martz, the pioneer of this family in Northumberland county.

The Martz (or Mertz) family is quite numerous in Berks county, Pa., where, in Longswamp township, the first ancestor to come from Germany made a settlement. The name is perpetuated there by the town Mertztown, in Longswamp township, and Mertz's Church in the same section. Johannes Martz (also Maertz), the founder of this family in America, was one of 242 passengers on the ship "Ann," which sailed from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. He was a son of Johannes Maertz, of Stockhausen, Wurtemberg, about thirty-five miles northwest of Frankfort-on-the-Main, and forty miles northeast of Coblenz, in Germany. Johannes Maertz, the emigrant, landed at Philadelphia Sept. 28, 1749. He settled in the vicinity

of Lyons, Berks county, and the church located near his home was named Mertz's Church in honor of him. The births of his first four children are recorded there. On May 24, 1756, he married Rosina Hase, daughter of Melchior Hase. Their children were: Johannes, born July 17, 1757; Anna Maria, Dec. 2, 1760; Maria Salome, May 24, 1763; Melchior, April 11, 1765; and Peter, March 9, 1769. The line in which we are interested at present descends from either Johannes or Melchior.

David and Jacob Martz, brothers, moved from Berks or Lancaster county toward the close of the eighteenth century, settling on the Shamokin creek, three miles south of Sunbury, in Northumberland county. Jacob, however, did not remain long, moving to the Lykens valley, in Dauphin county, where he died and is buried. David Martz was a blacksmith, and followed his trade in connection with farming. He married Barbara Miller, and they had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters: David, Henry, Peter, Abraham and George, all of whom but Henry moved to Dayton, Ohio, where they died; Susan, who married John Richstine, and Elizabeth, who married Abraham Arter. The son Peter, of this family, was commissioned associate judge of Northumberland county April 12, 1833, qualified on the following day, and served a little more than a year.

Henry Martz, son of David, was born on the homestead in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and was a farmer by occupation. He married Elizabeth Fagely, daughter of Christian and Magdalena Fagely, pioneers of Shamokin township. Mr. and Mrs. Martz both died in Shamokin and are buried in St. Peter's graveyard. They had six children: Hettie, Katie, Mary Ann, George, Solomon and Nathan F., all now deceased but the last named.

Nathan F. Martz was born July 20, 1820, in Shamokin township, Northumberland county. He spent most of his early days on the farm and when eighteen years old went to Mauch Chunk, where he became a clerk in the store of his uncles, Nathan and George Fagely. After eight years in their employ he formed a partnership with Robert Klotz, under the firm name of Martz & Klotz, and they carried on a general store for some time, until Mr. Klotz's enlistment in a military company; he served as a lieutenant in the Mexican war. During the period of that war Mr. Martz sold out to a Mr. Lowry and went into the butchering business, in which he continued for two years. In 1851 he came to Sunbury, where he has since made his home. Here he was first associated with his uncles William and Reuben Fagely, who shipped considerable coal at that time, remaining with them until the completion of the Northern Central railroad, in 1856, at which time he be-

came the first baggagemaster for that road at Sunbury. He held the position continuously for thirty-five years, until his retirement, and was undoubtedly one of the most familiar figures in this section of Northumberland county. Mr. Martz has always been popular with his fellow citizens, who have shown him many evidences of their esteem. A social organization of the town has been named the Nathan F. Martz Club in his honor. Though he has passed the ninetyeth anniversary of his birth he is remarkably well preserved and reads the newspapers assiduously without glasses, retaining his interest in local and national events and in everyday affairs of all kinds. He was never addicted to the use of tobacco or liquor, and enjoys a game of cards as much as ever. Tall and of massive build, he has been blessed with a fine physique, and he is very active for one of his years, though he has long since retired from arduous labors. He speaks both English and German.

In 1842 Mr. Martz became a member of "Old '76 Lodge," at Mauch Chunk, of the I. O. O. F., and he is now one of the oldest living Odd Fellows in the United States. His first Presidential vote was cast for James K. Polk, but he left the Democratic party when Polk took his stand on the tariff question and has been a Republican since the formation of the party. He has held local offices, having served four years as overseer of the poor, and was a member of the town council for several years. He has been a member of the Reformed Church for seventy-six years, having joined when he was a boy of fifteen. He first became a member of the Blue Church in Ralpho township, and later was a member of the First Reformed Church of Sunbury, in which he and all his family have been active workers. He was a member of the consistory for half a century and has long been one of the pillars of the congregation. Mr. Martz lived on Market street for many years, but since 1885 has made his home at the corner of Fourth street and Woodlawn avenue.

On Sept. 19, 1848, Mr. Martz married, at Allentown, Eliza Samuels, who was born Sept. 13, 1827, daughter of Jesse and Mary (Engleman) Samuels, of Allentown. They celebrated their sixtieth anniversary Sept. 19, 1908, and Mrs. Martz passed away Sept. 21, 1908. Six children were born to this union: One daughter died in infancy; William E. is a resident of Shamokin; Jesse S. died in 1856; Edward died Feb. 2, 1857; Ida V. B. is the wife of W. C. McConnell; Mary Elizabeth is the wife of Henry B. Smith.

HENRY B. SMITH, of Sunbury, was born Nov. 19, 1855, in Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Haak) Smith, he being the second of their four children, two sons and two daughters. The father, who was a lumber

merchant, died in 1876, at the age of fifty-six years. The mother continued to live at Womelsdorf. Henry B. Smith had received all his schooling by the time he reached his thirteenth year, when he began to clerk in his native place. At the end of a year he had saved twenty dollars, with which he started out, intending to go West. By the time he reached Sunbury, Northumberland county, his money was so nearly gone that he took employment with Clement & Dissinger, merchants, with whom he remained for ten or eleven years, until he was ready to commence business on his own account. In 1882, having saved about two hundred dollars, he formed a partnership with S. C. Drumheller and embarked in the coal business. The following year he became associated with Mr. Drumheller and Walter Zeigler as H. B. Smith & Co., dealers in dry goods. Mr. Zeigler withdrew from this partnership three years later, and Mr. Drumheller two years after that, Mr. Smith doing business alone as a merchant since 1887. Their combined capital at the outset was but three thousand dollars; Mr. Smith has since increased his investment to many times that amount, and he does a wholesale as well as a retail business, being one of the most substantial merchants in the borough of Sunbury.

On Oct. 24, 1888, Mr. Smith married, in Sunbury, Mary E. Martz, daughter of Nathan F. Martz, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Martz Smith. In religion Mr. Smith is a member of the Lutheran Church. Socially he belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Royal Arcanum and Conclave.

BINGAMAN. The Bingaman family now numerous throughout Northumberland county is descended from one John Bingaman, one of the "Hessian" soldiers (many of them came from Hessen Cassel, Germany) sent to this country in the pay of the British during the Revolutionary war, and one of those captured on Christmas night, 1776, by Washington at Trenton. Many of those taken prisoner were held at Penn Common, at Reading, Berks Co., Pa., until the close of the war, and John Bingaman was one of those who refused to leave this country, of which he became a loyal citizen. About 1790 he came to Northumberland county, where his first location was in the vicinity of Mahantango, in Lower Mahanoy township, about where Levi Kauffman now lives. There he conducted a hotel on the banks of the Susquehanna river, and according to family tradition the Indians used to visit him and drink his applejack. He afterward settled farther north in the township, on a large tract which is now the farm of Edwin Badman, and there he erected buildings and continued to make his home for many years. Some years before his death he retired and went to live with one of his sons, at

whose home he died about 1843. He is buried at the western end of the old graveyard of Zion's (Stone Valley) Church. As tradition has it that he was in his twenty-second year when he came to this country, in 1776, having been born in 1754, he was evidently about ninety at the time of his demise. He was a tall, robust man, of strong character and convictions, and lived a peaceful, industrious and useful life. His many descendants in Northumberland county have been numbered among the thrifty and successful farmers and business men of their respective communities. He married Anna Reed, born March 11, 1759, died Dec. 11, 1833, and they had six children: John; Adam; Nicholas; George; Eve, who married and moved West, where she died, leaving one daughter; and Catharine, who married Peter Hain.

John Bingaman, son of John, born April 27, 1801, died May 10, 1882; his wife Susanna died Nov. 20, 1903, aged ninety-eight years, one month, ten days, and both are buried at Georgetown, this county, where they died. He owned part of the homestead farm, which was later owned by John Kiehl and was still later purchased by David Hain. His children were: Adam, John (better known as "Jack"), Sarah (married Enoch Raker), Mary (married William Wiest) and Eliza (Mrs. Sholl). "Jack" Bingaman had a son William who was known locally as "Haughel Bill," and "Jack's" brother Adam had a son William who was distinguished from his cousin of the same name by the cognomen of "Deuvel's Bill."

Adam Bingaman, son of John the emigrant, was born July 5, 1791, in Lower Mahanoy township, and lived on and cultivated the farm in that township lying adjacent to the property now occupied by his grandson William E. Bingaman. He died Jan. 28, 1856, on his home place. He owned another tract of 123 acres in the Stone Valley which had belonged to his father, and which is now owned by Edwin Badman. He was enterprising, and prospered in his farm work, and was also a popular auctioneer, crying most of the sales held in the neighborhood in his day; he was widely known in this connection. He married Hannah Schroyer, born Feb. 9, 1796, died Oct. 27, 1871, and they are buried at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, of which he was a Reformed member. Their children were: John, Jacob, Abraham, William, Alexander, and Catharine (married Elias Wiest). Elizabeth, wife of Jacob, born July 13, 1819, died Aug. 9, 1851. Rebecca, wife of William, born March 29, 1839, died July 30, 1866.

Nicholas Bingaman, son of John the emigrant, was born Nov. 28, 1798, in Lower Mahanoy township. He made his home on the farm of 100 acres where Benjamin Bingaman now lives, and was a substantial and industrious man, engaging in

huckstering as well as farming for many years; he made trips with produce to Tremont and Donaldson every week. At the time of his death he owned three farms. He was a leading member and supporter of Bingaman's Evangelical Church, at the county line, which he served as class leader and exhorter, and was an upright and conscientious man in all the relations of life. He married Mary (Polly) Witmer, who was born Oct. 15, 1801, daughter of Christophel Witmer, and died Aug. 11, 1883, surviving her husband many years. He died June 10, 1860. They are buried at Bingaman's Church. They had children as follows: Annie married John Kiehl; Catharine married John Underkoffler; John: Hannah, who died of smallpox, married Isaac Schaffer and they had one son, Benjamin; Sarah married George Bohner and went to live in Dakota; Mary married Philip Grim; William W. and Elias are mentioned below; Caroline married Cyrus Buffington; Henry died in Dakota. Sarah and her brothers Elias and William W. are now the only survivors of this large family.

George Bingaman, son of John the emigrant, lived for some years with his brother Nicholas in Lower Mahanoy township, later moving out to Illinois, whither he made the trip in big covered wagons. He located near Polo. His wife was a daughter of Philip Zerbe, of Lower Mahanoy township, and among their children were: John, who was a tall man, and who is said to have become very rich; Jacob, who came East to marry; Lovana; and George. Long after reaching maturity these sons came East to visit. John had no children.

Of the posterity of Adam Bingaman, son of John the emigrant, we give herewith the record of three lines, those of his sons John, Abraham and Alexander. John Bingaman was born in Lower Mahanoy township in 1817, and was reared upon the farm. Early in life he became a boatman upon the Susquehanna canal, and in the winter drove teams to Pittsburg and Philadelphia, transporting farmers' produce to market. Locating at Georgetown, this county, early in the forties, he engaged in the coal and lumber business, and in 1850 purchased what is now known as the "Bingaman House," conducting same in connection with his other affairs. In 1875 he built the brick store where he was engaged in the mercantile business until his death, and he also had extensive agricultural interests. He was an ardent Republican in politics, but never took any part in public matters, his time being well occupied with his many private concerns. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and in religion united with the Reformed Church. He died March 31, 1889. To his first marriage, with Louise Brosius, was born one son John, who lives in Virginia. By his second marriage, with Mary Wiest, who survived

him, there were nine children, six of whom were living in 1890, namely: William O., Charles C., Mary (married Joseph Morgan), Harry W., Frederick W. and Lizzie.

WILLIAM O. BINGAMAN, son of John, was born Feb. 6, 1856, and received a good education, attending the academies at Berrysburg and Freeburg and the State normal school at Shippensburg. In 1875 he entered his father's store as clerk, and upon his father's death he purchased the business. He has been a prominent citizen of Georgetown in public as well as business circles (serving as assessor, postmaster and tax collector of that town and Lower Mahanoy township) and as a well known member of the Republican party. He married Lillie Beaver, of Snyder county, and they had three children, Blanche, John G. and Ella Corrine. The family belong to the German Reformed Church.

CHARLES C. BINGAMAN, son of John and Mary (Wiest) Bingaman, was born March 28, 1863, in Lower Mahanoy township, and attended school at Dalmatia, receiving a good education. He assisted his father in the management of his various business interests, store, hotel and farm, coal and lumber trade, etc., and, his father being the leading business man of Georgetown for years, he gained ample experience in that connection. He eventually engaged in the hotel business at Dalmatia (Georgetown) on his own account, conducting the "Bingaman House" for fourteen years. He sold it to the present owner in about 1907. Meantime he had gone to Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Pa., where he conducted the "Crawford House" for about four years, in January, 1905, removing to Sunbury, where he accepted a position as traveling man. After two and a half years in that work he took the "Keystone Hotel" at Selinsgrove, this county, which he carried on for about two and a half years, in October, 1910, becoming proprietor of the "Hoffman House" at Sunbury, one of the leading hotels of that borough. It is located on Third street, south of Market, in an advantageous situation near the Pennsylvania railway depot and the post office, and has forty guests rooms. Mr. Bingaman has been well fitted by long business experience to make a success of this hotel, which already has a well established patronage. His reputation in previous ventures of the kind, his adaptability for the business and recognized executive talents all augur well for the future of the "Hoffman House."

Mr. Bingaman is well known socially, belonging to Aerie No. 970, F. O. E., of Williamsport, to the Owls at Sunbury, and to No. 1 Fire Company, one of the leading companies in the State, whose membership of 341 includes the leading business men of the borough.

In 1884 Mr. Bingaman married Ida L. Rothermel, daughter of Andrew Rothermel, of Dal-

matia, and they have had two children: Clarence, who died when four years old; and Clinton C., his father's assistant in business, who married Effie Fegley.

Abraham Bingaman, son of Adam and grandson of John the emigrant, was born Oct. 22, 18—, and died Feb. —, 190—. He was a life-long farmer, owning and cultivating the 123-acre farm which is now the property of his son William E., and there making his home. He built the present house on the farm now owned by J. M. Kiehl and Daniel Kauffman. Mr. Bingaman served as school director of his township before the establishment of the free schools. To him and his wife Rebecca (Enterline) were born the following children: Adam E., William E., Jacob E., Belle (married Philip Drumm), Mary (deceased wife of John Host) and Jennie (married Adam Dubendorf).

Adam E. Bingaman, son of Abraham, was born Dec. 25, 1851, on the original Bingaman homestead farm in Lower Mahanoy township, and was reared to farm life, working for his parents until he attained his majority. He was then in the employ of his uncle Elias Wiest for some years, and for four years burned lime for different parties. For another year he was engaged in hauling powder for the Berry Powder Company, and then farmed for the same employer three years. For one entire year he was ill and unable to work. Following this he was engaged in farming for his father, for a period of three years, in Lower Mahanoy township, and during the next five years found work in the lumber woods. He then settled on the Harry Dornsife farm, where he was engaged in farming for six years, after which for four years he was in business threshing and cutting wood in Little Mahanoy and Jackson townships. Selling his threshing outfit, he began farming at his present place in Little Mahanoy township, near Hunter station, in March, 1902, this being the old Conrad Raker homestead (his post office is Raker). It consists of some fifty acres, which Mr. Bingaman has under successful cultivation.

In 1872 Mr. Bingaman married Margaret Elizabeth Byerly, daughter of Elijah and Mary (Bower) Byerly, and they have had a family of twelve children: Benjamin F., who died when eight years old; Abraham, of Little Mahanoy township; Mary A., who died when five years old; Israel and Joseph, both of Little Mahanoy township; George and Charles, both at Shamokin; and John, William, Fred, Isaiah and Eve, all at home.

Mr. Bingaman and his family are Reformed members of Zion's Stone Valley Church. He is a Democrat politically, was formerly supervisor of his township and is now serving as member of the township road board.

William E. Bingaman, son of Abraham, was

born April 28, 1854, in Lower Mahanoy township. He worked on the farm for his father until he became of age, meantime obtaining his education in the subscription schools then conducted in the neighborhood and the public schools established during his boyhood, and still later he attended the academy at Freeburg. He received a thorough training, and received a license to teach public school in Northumberland county in 1874, spending his first term at what is known locally as the Washington schoolhouse in Lower Mahanoy township. In all he taught five terms in his home district. His salary was a dollar a day, or twenty-two dollars a month for twenty-two days' teaching. In the spring of 1880 Mr. Bingaman began farming on his father's place, on shares, and in 1882 he purchased his present home in Lower Mahanoy township, which at that time contained thirty-five acres, to which he has since added about thirteen acres. This farm, which is located on the road between Hickory Corners and Pillow, was owned long ago by Isaac Witmer, a tailor; later by Elijah Byerly; next by Jacob Schaffer, and after him by William L. Schaffer, whom Mr. Bingaman succeeded in the ownership. He is a respected and reliable citizen of his township, one who holds the confidence of his fellow citizens, as evidenced by the fact that for six successive terms he was chosen auditor of his township. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are Reformed members of Zion's Union Church of Stone Valley. He has been a deacon of that church since 1888. On Jan. 8, 1876, Mr. Bingaman married Mary M. Kiehl, daughter of John and Esther (Frymoyer) Kiehl. They have no children.

JACOB E. BINGAMAN, son of Abraham, was born May 19, 1857, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there grew to manhood. After attending the local schools he went to Uniontown Seminary, then taught by Prof. Harry Eisenhower, and in 1880 received a license to teach, following the profession a few terms. His first term was spent in Jordan township, his second and third at the Stone Valley schoolhouse, and he gave excellent satisfaction. However, he returned to the pursuit to which he had been trained from boyhood, farming the Lessman place in Lower Mahanoy township for three years. He was next engaged as a huckster, driving a produce team weekly to Pottsville, Minersville and Tremont for six years, during which period he and his family resided at Hickory Corners. In the spring of 1896 he became proprietor of the "Keystone Hotel" at Hickory Corners, conducting that house very successfully for the next eleven years, and in the spring of 1907 moving with his family to Dalmatia (Georgetown), where from July 2d until the spring of 1908, he was engaged in no special line. On the latter date he assumed charge of the "Na-

tional Hotel" at that point, the leading first-class hotel of this region. It is situated near the Northern Central depot, and has twenty-two guest rooms, provided with all modern conveniences and comfortably furnished. This hotel is conducted along modern lines, the accommodations are of the best, and the place has an appearance of thrift, neatness and good management which attracts the best element of the traveling public. Mrs. Bingaman is an excellent cook, noted for the preparation of dainty and original dishes, and her assistance has done much to add to the popularity of the hotel. Mr. Bingaman owns a lot in Dalmatia, some limestone quarry property and four tracts of land—totalling twenty-one acres—in Lower Mahanoy township. He has been active in citizenship, having served three years as township clerk in Lower Mahanoy, and after the expiration of his term in that office was twice elected auditor, for terms of three years each. He is a Democrat on most political questions; but independent when he thinks it necessary to follow his own convictions.

In September, 1881, Mr. Bingaman married Fietta Harris, daughter of Isaac and Polly (Kemp) Harris, and granddaughter of George and ——— (Batteau) Harris, who came from Berks county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Bingaman have had children as follows: Clara E., who is the widow of Harry H. Engel (she has a daughter, Helen); Jay A.; Winton V.; Melvin H.; Beulah G.; Garrett Q., and Fara U. Mr. Bingaman and his family worship at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, he being a member of the Reformed congregation, his wife of the Lutheran.

Jay A. Bingaman, son of Jacob E., was born Oct. 15, 1884, in Lower Mahanoy township, attended the local schools; and later took a course in a Philadelphia Business college and a business course in the Scranton Correspondence School. He then obtained a position as clerk in a Philadelphia hotel, where he was engaged for four years, in the spring of 1908 returning to Dalmatia, where he became clerk for his father at the "National Hotel."

On Aug. 1, 1908, Mr. Bingaman married Jennie R. Lenker, daughter of Cornelius and Rebecca (Witmer) Lenker and granddaughter of Isaac Lenker and of Isaac Witmer. One daughter, Helen Constance, has been born to this union. Mr. Bingaman and his family worship with the Reformed congregation at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. at Dalmatia.

Melvin H. Bingaman, son of Jacob E., was born Feb. 28, 1889, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there received his education in the public schools. He is at present engaged in assisting his father. He is a Reformed member of Zion's (Stone Valley) Church.

Alexander Bingaman, son of Adam and grandson of John the emigrant, was born Aug. 25, 1838, in Lower Mahanoy township, on what was the homestead of both his father and grandfather. He was a farmer by occupation, for forty-nine years cultivating the tract now owned by his son Jeremiah A. Bingaman, erecting the house and barn on that property in the year 1845. He and his wife began housekeeping there Jan. 1, 1846, and he passed all his life on that place. One of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of his locality, he was for a number of years an official of Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, of which he was a Reformed member, held the office of township supervisor fifteen years, and served about the same length of time as constable and overseer of the poor. Politically he was a Democrat. Mr. Bingaman died in his native township July 29, 1895, and is buried at the Stone Valley Church. His wife, Catharine Radel, daughter of Michael Radel, was born Dec. 25, 1834, in the second house north of the place where she settled upon her marriage, and though now over seventy-five years old is well preserved and in the enjoyment of good health. Five children were born to this marriage: Sophia, who died in her fourth year; Agnes, who died in her fourth year; Alveretta, wife of John Reitz, of Harrisburg; Jeremiah Adam; and Malinda, wife of John Fetterolf, of Lykens Valley.

JEREMIAH ADAM BINGAMAN, son of Alexander, a prosperous farmer and teacher of Lower Mahanoy township, was born in that township June 8, 1867, at the place which is now his home. He was reared to farm life, and began his education in the schools of the home district, later attending the National Pen Art Hall and Business College, then located at Canfield Ohio, and the West Farmington College (also in Ohio), from which latter he was graduated in 1892, with the degree of B. S. After his graduation he went to Chicago, Ill., where he engaged as bookkeeper with the Sykes Steel Roofing Company, having general charge of their office from June 11, 1892, until June 16, 1894. During the World's Columbian Exposition, held at that city in 1893, he was a guard at the fair grounds for seven and a half months. He left Chicago Dec. 23, 1894, and returning to Pennsylvania taught school in his native township for three consecutive terms, at the Mahantango schoolhouse. He then taught the Stone Valley school for two terms, and Byerly's school in the same township for one term, and accepted a school for the following term which, however, he resigned after four months to take a position with the Standard Oil Company. He was with the Baltimore branch, which has headquarters at Salisbury, Md., and filled the position of district manager, his territory comprising Wicomico and Dorchester counties, Md., and Northampton and Accomac counties, Va., as well as the ad-

jacent island in the Atlantic. He held this position from February, 1902, until his resignation, in August, 1907, when owing to the condition of his health he deemed it advisable to resume farming. He cultivates his father's old homestead, which consists of sixty-four acres of fine, fertile land, and is making a thorough success of his work. In addition to farming he acts as agent for the Aermotor Company of Chicago, manufacturers and dealers in wind machinery, and he also installs bathtubs and does various kinds of work in these lines. He has been quite active in the public affairs of the township, of which he is an auditor, and he has been Democratic committeeman of his township since 1908, being one of the party's staunch supporters in his locality.

On Dec. 24, 1896, Mr. Bingaman married Laura J. Wert, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Emerrick) Wert.

William W. Bingaman, son of Nicholas and grandson of John the emigrant, was born April 8, 1836, at the place in Lower Mahanoy township where he still lives. With the exception of two years when he was engaged with George Bohner as an apprentice at the saddler's trade he always followed farming throughout his active years, beginning on his own account at the age of twenty-two years, on his father-in-law's farm. He lived eight years at that place, which period and the two and a half years he spent at Uniontown before his marriage, while in the employ of Mr. Bohner, constitute his entire absence from the home farm. This place comprises ninety-six acres, which Mr. Bingaman sold in 1910 to his son Benjamin, who is now cultivating it. Mr. Bingaman always did his own harness-making and similar work while engaged in farming. He was a quiet, industrious citizen, prospering by hard work and good management, has never touched intoxicating liquor of any kind, and has never been in court even as a witness. In 1855 he married Polly Kocher, daughter of Peter and Sarah Kocher, and to them were born ten children, four of whom are deceased, including Charles. The survivors are Jane, Joseph, Benjamin F., William, Lindon and Alice. Mrs. Bingaman was born at Orndorf.

Benjamin F. Bingaman, son of William W., was born Jan. 2, 1860, in Lower Mahanoy township, and was two months old when his parents settled at the old Bingaman homestead. He has been used to farming from earliest boyhood, and in 1892 began to work for his uncle Elias Bingaman, with whom he farmed for six years. He then moved upon his present farm, taking possession of same in the winter of 1910. He is an intelligent and thrifty worker, a reliable citizen, and a man respected wherever known. He and his family are members of Trinity Evangelical Church (also known as Bingaman's Church) at the county

line, and he has been one of the leading workers in that congregation, serving as class leader and trustee, and in official positions in the Sunday school, of which he has been superintendent for many years.

On Aug. 10, 1888, Mr. Bingaman married Jennie Peiffer, daughter of Henry C. Peiffer, and they have had a family of five children: Roy (who is a teacher in Lower Mahanoy township), Spurgeon, Hale, Gertie and Harry.

Elias Bingaman, son of Nicholas and grandson of John the emigrant, was born Oct. 12, 1838, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there received his early education in the pay schools then conducted in the vicinity, attending the free schools for one winter. He worked for his parents until he became of age, when he began farming on a ninety-acre place adjoining his present home, remaining there for twenty-five years. Since 1889 he has lived at his present place in Lower Mahanoy, a farm of ninety-one acres, but he is not now actively engaged in its cultivation, living retired in the enjoyment of the earnings of his earlier years. He is a man of upright character and consistent Christian life, a faithful member of the Trinity Evangelical Church, in which he has been a most dutiful worker, serving many years as classleader, trustee and exhorter.

About 1867 Mr. Bingaman married Lucinda Dunkelberger, daughter of John and _____ (Geist) Dunkelberger. She passed away Feb. 28, 1904, aged sixty-five years, eleven months, four days, and is buried at the Trinity Evangelical Church.

SAMUEL STILL, farmer and fruit grower of Lower Augusta township, belongs to a family which has for several generations been settled in Dauphin county, this State, where the Stills were represented among the early residents. The Federal Census Report of 1790 shows Benjamin, Charles, Christian, David, Elisabeth, John, Samuel, Thomas and William Still as heads of families in the several counties of Pennsylvania. The family to which Isaac Still, grandfather of Samuel Still, belonged is known to have moved to Dauphin county from another section of the State, and it is known that the Stills were located in the Lykens Valley before 1800.

Mr. Still's great-grandfather was an Englishman, and his wife was a German woman. She died at an advanced age, suffering a stroke while sitting at the table. This was when her great-grandson, Samuel, was a boy of about seven years.

Isaac Still, the grandfather, passed his earlier life at Elizabethtown, along the Sweet Arrow creek, in Lancaster county, and when his son Jacob was about six years old moved across the Peters mountain in Armstrongs Valley, one and three-

quarters miles from Halifax, Dauphin county, where he remained until his death. He was a farmer, and willed his farm to his son Jacob. Of his six children, one son and five daughters, we have record of but three: Jacob, Polly (married John Miller) and Elizabeth (married James Buchanan).

Jacob Still, only son of Isaac, was born in 1808, and passed practically all his life in Halifax, Dauphin county, where he died at the advanced age of eighty-six. He was a farmer, and came into possession of the paternal farm, which he continued to cultivate throughout his active years. His wife Elizabeth (Bailey), born in 1812, died in 1869. They are buried at Long's Church in Dauphin county. Twelve children were born to this couple: Mary, Sallie, Jacob, Samuel, David, Hannah, Nancy, William, Maggie, a twin of Maggie that died in infancy, Daniel and Louisa.

Samuel Still was born Oct. 11, 1840, in Halifax, Dauphin county, and was reared upon the farm, where he began work at an unusually early age. He handled the plow when only eight years old, and continued to work for his parents until he was seventeen, after which he learned the potter's trade at Elizabethtown. After four years in that line he turned to the carpenter's trade, which he followed for nearly forty years; in the boroughs of Shamokin and Herndon and the territory surrounding them. He worked on houses in Herndon when the place contained only four dwellings. For one year he assisted on bridge work at Rondout, N. Y. He rose to the grade of boss carpenter, and taught the trade to a number of apprentices. In 1886 Mr. Still bought his present property, the "Klondyke" fruit farm, in Lower Augusta township, to which he has added until now it contains eighty-two acres, in 1902 buying the homestead of Samuel and Harriet Coldren, formerly a Clements homestead. Mr. Still raises considerable fruit, and though now seventy years old continues to attend the Sunbury markets weekly, finding ready sale for all his products. He is a progressive farmer, and has reaped rich returns for his up-to-date methods and careful management.

In 1866 Mr. Still married Rebecca Zearing, daughter of John Zearing, of Halifax, Dauphin Co., Pa., and to this union were born eight children, of whom but two survive: Harry, who lives at Sunbury; and Sylvester D., of Lewistown, Pa. Mrs. Still died about 1883, and she and her six children are buried at Zartman's Church, in Jackson township. In about 1884 Mr. Still married (second) Rosilla Coldren, daughter of Samuel and Harriet Coldren, and they have one daughter, Hattie J., who is unmarried and lives at home. Mr. Still is a member of the Evangelical Church at Herndon.

CHARLES P. RINEHART, a prominent citizen of Upper Augusta township, engaged in general farming and dairying, a man who has been thoroughly identified with the development and progress of his section, was born May 19, 1851, in Sunbury, near which borough he now lives. He is a grandson of John Rinehart (Rhinehart), a native of Germany.

John Rinehart was born in 1772, and emigrated to America about 1790. He had to serve three years to pay the expenses of his passage, and his time was bought by one Gideon Wolf, of Lancaster county, Pa., in whose household was also Elizabeth Oberhoff, like himself a native of Germany, who had come to America eighteen months before John Rinehart. She was to serve five years to defray the cost of the voyage, but when John Rinehart's period of redemption had expired, the young couple having decided to marry, Mr. Wolf released her from the remaining six months of her period of service. Young Rinehart could neither read nor write at that time, but he was strong and industrious, and he made his way in the world without assistance. The young couple married as soon as Mr. Rinehart was free, but continued to live in the Wolf family for another two years, after which they continued to live in Lancaster county for several years longer. He was naturalized there. He kept hotel until his removal from that county, paying twelve dollars for his license. Removing to Montgomery county in 1812 he remained there a few years, thence coming to Sunbury, Northumberland county, and soon thereafter settling in Upper Augusta (then Augusta) township, where Mr. Rinehart acquired a farm of 100 acres. He also had a piece of property in Sunbury. Besides farming, he did threshing, and one season after threshing his own grain he worked out for a tenth, receiving ninety bushels of grain as his share that year. He continued to farm in Northumberland county until his death, which occurred in 1837, and he is buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury. In religious faith he and his wife were Lutherans. She died in 1845. They had children as follows: Elizabeth, Mrs. Steel, lived in Philadelphia; Sarah, Mrs. Collins, lived in Baltimore; Mrs. Crosby lived in Philadelphia; Mary married Martin Huhn and they lived out West; Louisa, Mrs. Reed, lived in Sunbury; John went to Michigan in an early day and there followed farming; Charles was the father of Charles P. Rinehart.

Charles Rinehart, youngest son of John, was born Jan. 31, 1817, in Augusta township, this county, and was reared on the homestead. In his early life he assisted with the farm work at home, but when a young man he commenced boating on the Pennsylvania canal, and followed that occupation for about a quarter of a century. Mean-

while he resided in Sunbury, where he became a well known citizen, filling a number of the borough offices. He built a residence on Front street, where he resided from the time he began boating until he left Sunbury. In 1868 he bought the farm in Upper Augusta township, near Sunbury, now owned by his son Charles, and there engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1890, when he was seventy-three years and one day old. He is buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury. Mr. Rinehart was a Democrat up to the time of the Civil war, when he gave his support to Lincoln and thereafter was identified with the Republican party. He was actively interested in political issues, and did his share in the administration of local public affairs, serving as overseer of the poor and as school director of his township, where he was considered a highly useful citizen. In religion he was a Lutheran. Mr. Rinehart married Mary Crissinger, who was born April 24, 1808, daughter of Jacob Crissinger, and died in 1884, aged seventy-seven years. Six children were born to their union: Martha married George W. Fisher, who is now deceased, of Sunbury; Sarah C. married George P. Krohn, of Sunbury; Amelia died when thirteen years old; Susanna married Charles F. Martin, of Sunbury; Margaret Louisa married William Kreisher, of Sunbury; Charles P. lives on the home farm.

Charles P. Rinehart attended the schools of Sunbury, and began to assist his father at an early age, boating on the canal from 1860 to 1868. When seventeen he settled on the farm with his father, and has ever since been occupied with the cultivation of that place. On Dec. 16, 1868, he and his father commenced the dairy business, which he has continued ever since in connection with general farming, having now made a specialty of that line for a period of forty-two years. He is considered one of the most reliable dairy farmers in this district. At present he keeps twenty cows, and his dairy products are marketed in Sunbury. Mr. Rinehart's farm contains 184 acres and is one of the best in the township, not only because of the quality of the land but in the way of improvements, the buildings being substantial and in good order, and the other improvements up-to-date in every respect. In 1891 he built the large brick residence, which is equipped with all modern conveniences and is a valuable addition to the property. He has not only found time to attend systematically to his personal interests, but he has taken a public-spirited interest in the general welfare and has held various local offices. For three consecutive terms he was auditor of his township; has been a member of the board of supervisors, and since 1899 has been a school director, during that time filling all the offices of the board except that of secretary. Politically he is a Demo-

crat. Socially he belongs to the Royal Arcanum and the Conclave of the Lance and Shield at Sunbury. When he was a boy of nine years he was in Philadelphia just after the election of Lincoln, whom he remembers seeing there.

On March 12, 1885, Mr. Rinehart married Clara Ella Stroh, daughter of John Stroh, of Riverside, and they have had five children: William C., who graduated from the township schools and later attended Susquehanna University, now assisting his father; Mary A.; Charles O., who died when two years old; John J., who graduated from the Sunbury school in 1911, when sixteen years old; and Anna E. Mr. Rinehart and his family are Lutherans in religious connection.

Philip Stroh, the pioneer of Mrs. Rinehart's family in this section, was a native of New York State, and came to Northumberland county, Pa., about the year 1825. He settled in Upper Augusta township, at what is now known as Klinesgrove, and there followed farming, owning a tract of land. He died in New York State and is buried there. His wife, Elizabeth (Oberdorf), daughter of Peter Oberdorf, long survived him, and is buried at the Klinesgrove Church, where Mr. Stroh and his family were members of the Lutheran congregation. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Stroh had the following children: Peter lived near Seven Points, this county; Samuel, a machinist of great ability, who built rolling mills, lived for a time at Danville, Pa., and later at Reading, Pa.; Mary Ann married Jacob Evert and they lived in Upper Augusta township; Elizabeth was Mrs. Kocher; David, a carpenter, lived and died at Danville; John, a farmer, lived at Riverside (he was the father of Mrs. Rinehart); Solomon is mentioned below; William, who was a blacksmith, lived and died at Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Solomon Stroh, son of Philip, was born June 13, 1825, in the State of New York, and was brought by his parents to this section. The removal was made by wagon. He learned the trade of blacksmith, and proved to be a mechanic of unusual skill, making hinges, handcuffs, and iron work for bridges, mills, houses, etc. He was a remarkable man in many ways, and one of the notable citizens of his time in this region, taking an active part in every movement with which he was identified. He served some years as councilman in Sunbury. He was one of the organizers of the volunteer fire department of the borough, rendering valuable service to the community as head of the Washington Fire Company for a number of years. He was a prominent Democrat, party chairman of his ward, and chosen as delegate to many county conventions. A prominent member of the Odd Fellows fraternity, he was past grand of Lodge No. 203, passed all the chairs in the encampment, and was the first representative from

his town to the meeting of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home Association, located near Sunbury. For many years he acted as chaplain of his lodge. In the days of the old State militia he was an officer, and did efficient work in that capacity. A strong, robust man, six feet in height, and of commanding presence, he was an attractive figure, and he was as popular as he was widely known. He was a member of Zion's Lutheran Church and a zealous worker in its behalf, serving as deacon and elder, holding the latter office at the time of his death. For some years he was superintendent of the Sunday school, which he served efficiently as librarian for the long period of thirty years, being active in all the departments of the church and Sunday school, in both of which he was highly esteemed. He died at Sunbury April 12, 1898.

On Sept. 12, 1850, Mr. Stroh married Mary Zimmerman, who was born May 4, 1827, daughter of George and Mary (Hall) Zimmerman, and still makes her home in Sunbury. Though past eighty she is well preserved and still active, and she is highly esteemed in Sunbury, where she has had her home for so many years. She, too, is an active member of Zion's Lutheran Church, and she taught one of the classes in its Sunday school for fifty-five years, relinquishing the work only because of her advancing years. Her sympathies have always been practically shown in her activity in the church work, and she also sang in the choir for a number of years. To Mr. and Mrs. Stroh were born eight children, as follows: Naomi, born in 1851, married W. A. Heller, and is deceased; George, born in 1853, died in 1856; Samuel, born in 1855, is a resident of Sunbury; Jeremiah, born in 1857, died at Sunbury in 1906; William, born in 1859, lives at Sunbury; Annie E., born in 1862, died in 1874; Stella and Miriam are unmarried and at home.

ISAAC BLOOM, now living retired in Sunbury, has made his home in that borough since 1872. His active years were for the most part spent in lumbering, and as raftsman and pilot on the Susquehanna river he became thoroughly familiar with that stream, upon which he has had many interesting experiences. He was born Jan. 27, 1842, in Pike township, Clearfield Co., Pa., son of John Bloom, and is a descendant of a family now numerous in Northumberland and Clearfield counties, descended from two brothers who came into Pennsylvania from New Jersey. In the archives of that State are recorded the names of five Bloom brothers who served in Baxter's Brigade of New Jersey volunteers. One was killed in action. After the war one remained in New Jersey, the other three coming to Pennsylvania. Of these, Stephen Bloom, the ancestor of Urias Bloom, of Sunbury, settled in the Shamokin Hills, in Northumberland county; William, the ancestor of Isaac

Bloom, whose name opens this article, and of Amos Bloom, also of Sunbury, took up a large tract of land in Clearfield county; the third settled in a valley near Bellefont, in Center county, where a large number of his descendants have since lived.

William Bloom, as stated, took up a large tract of land in Clearfield county, at what is known as the "Peewee's Nest." He was born in New Jersey in 1752, and lived to the age of 104 years; he is buried at Curwensville, Clearfield county. He followed farming on land which he himself cleared, and where he erected a log house and barn. His wife, like himself a native of New Jersey, also attained an advanced age, living to be ninety-eight. They were the parents of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters: Abraham, James, Isaac, John, William, Benjamin, Peter, Mary (married Matthew Caldwell) and three daughters whose names are not recalled.

From the above source there is a large posterity, and we quote the following from the Philadelphia *North American* of Aug. 18, 1909, as being of interest in this connection:

"The Bloom reunion was held at the 'Peewee's Nest,' on the bank of the Susquehanna river, near Curwensville, Pa. The Bloom clan is one of the largest in Clearfield county. They are descendants of William Bloom, a native of New Jersey, and a Revolutionary war veteran, who came to Clearfield county with his wife in 1796. They came up the West branch of the Susquehanna river in a canoe and settled on the spot where the family reunion was held. The ancestor Bloom and his helpmate had eleven children, seven sons, four daughters, and from them are descended the many hundred of Blooms of Clearfield and surrounding counties. The eighth generation of the family participated in the reunion in 1909. The Blooms have figured extensively in the affairs of Clearfield county since its organization. They are a hearty and tall people, noted for longevity and multiplicity. Ross Bloom, of near Curwensville, who was eighty-eight years old, attended the gathering of the family. Benjamin Bloom, who attended the reunion, . . . is seventy-seven years old, and the father of thirteen children, eleven of whom are living. He has so many grandchildren that he fears missing some should he endeavor to count them, scores of great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

"The Blooms are members of the Democratic party. During the Civil war the family sent many of its sons to do battle for their country."

Isaac Bloom, son of William, was like all his brothers and sisters born in Clearfield county. He was a farmer by occupation, and owned the farm on which he died. He married Mary (Polly) Apgar, who survived him, dying in 1870 at a ripe old age, and they had a family of twelve children,

six sons and six daughters, namely: John, James A., William, George, Reuben, Benjamin, Caroline (Mrs. Owens), Priscilla (married John Norris and had eighteen children), Geneise (married Samuel Taylor), Mrs. George Ogden, Margaret (married Nicholas McCracken) and Mrs. George Garrison.

John Bloom, Jr., son of Isaac, was born Feb. 4, 1809, in Pike township, Clearfield Co., Pa., and was a prosperous farmer, owning about three hundred acres of land. He served three years as constable, and for a number of years as supervisor, and was a man well known in his district. He was a Democrat in politics and a Methodist in religion. On Oct. 24, 1833, John Bloom married Mary Ann Jordan, who was born April 9, 1812, eldest of the large family born to John and Eve (Lawyer) Jordan, and granddaughter of Peter and Mary Magdalena Lawyer. Mr. Bloom died in August, 1883, at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife died at the age of eighty-five. They are buried at Bloomington, Clearfield county. Their children were born as follows: Frederick, Sept. 24, 1834; Eliza, March 3, 1836; Matilda, Nov. 10, 1837; Rachel, Dec. 11, 1839; Isaac, Jan. 27, 1842; John Jordan, April 8, 1844; Mary J., Dec. 21, 1845; Sarah A., Dec. 24, 1847; Susan, April 7, 1849; Jerusha, May 11, 1851; Eva A., Nov. 7, 1853; Alfred, May 27, 1856.

Isaac Bloom received his education in the common schools of Pike township. He was reared up on the farm, and after reaching manhood continued to follow farming during the summer season, in the winter time working in the lumber woods, with which he was also familiar from boyhood. Rafting on the river was a great business in those days, and he was thus engaged on the west branch of the Susquehanna for many years, making his first trip when only fourteen years old. He made two trips every spring for about fifteen years, bringing some of the finest square timber ever sent down the river to Marietta. Some of the logs he brought down contained 125 feet of good, solid timber. For seven years Mr. Bloom engaged as a pilot on the Susquehanna, where there are many dangerous falls and rocks to be avoided or skillfully passed, all known by name to the pilots, as "White Break," "Side Pocket," "Stepping Stone," "Sandy Harbor," "Meshannon Falls," "Wood Rock," "Karthus House," "Buttermilk Falls," etc. In 1872 Mr. Bloom and his family moved to Sunbury, where they have since resided. After settling in this place he was engaged in superintending lumber jobs for different parties, later served five years as street commissioner of the borough, was janitor at the courthouse for three years and for another three years was boss of the carpet weaving department at the Northumberland county jail before his retirement, in 1908. He has been an active Democrat ever since

he attained his majority, having missed but two elections in all that time. He has long been a leading member of the Methodist Church, of which he has served as trustee and steward since 1880. As a citizen he has commanded the respect of his fellow men in every relation of life.

In 1867 Mr. Bloom married Sarah E. Kline, daughter of John F. and Eliza (Mittler) Kline, and to them have been born nine children: Carrie K., who is engaged in school teaching; J. Byron, who makes his home in Sunbury; and Charles W., Arthur M., Lucy, Chester C., Emma, Henry O. and Mary E., all of whom died in infancy.

John Jordan, Mr. Bloom's maternal grandfather, was born Dec. 4, 1790, and Eva, his wife, was born Aug. 8, 1792. They had a large family, born as follows: Mary Ann, April 9, 1812; John, May 12, 1814; David, June 10, 1816; Margaret, June 15, 1818; Samuel, Nov. 12, 1820; Rachel, Nov. 17, 1822; Daniel, July 2, 1825; Janiza, May 15, 1827; one that died in infancy, May 10, 1829; Leir, June 17, 1830; Susan, May 12, 1832; William, April 29, 1834; Sarah Ann, July 9, 1836.

AMBROSE PERSING, senior member of the firm of Persing & Cooke, of Arters, Northumberland county, proprietors of the Shamokin Valley Roller Mills, was born Dec. 29, 1860, at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Matthias Persing, in his day a prominent contractor of this county. Several generations ago the family was settled in New Jersey, where William Persing, great-grandfather of Ambrose Persing, lived, at Greenwich, in Sussex county. There all his children were born, among them being William, Jr., and John, both of whom came to Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

William Persing, Jr., born in New Jersey April 23, 1773, settled in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, where he died Feb. 19, 1853. He is buried at the old Blue Church. He was a man of enterprise and had large interests, engaging in farming, building a gristmill which he operated, and also carrying on a rope walk and distillery. He was an extensive fruit grower, the most extensive in his section, using the fruit in his distillery. He also made peppermint products. William Persing was twice married, his second union being with Margaret Dimmick. The children of his first marriage were born as follows: Mary, 1795; Philip, 1797; Matthias, 1800; William, 1802; Samuel, 1804; Isaac, 1807; John, 1809. To the second marriage were born: Hannah, 1812; Elizabeth, 1814; a son and a daughter, twins, who lived only a few days; Abigail, Feb. 11, 1817; Peter, June 28, 1819; Rebecca, Dec. 24, 1821; Daniel, April 10, 1825; and Susanna and Margaret, twins, July 2, 1829.

John Persing, the other son of William Persing who came to Northumberland county, was born

March 12, 1775, and on removing to Pennsylvania settled in Schuylkill county, where he followed farming. Coming later to Northumberland county, he settled in the Irish Valley on land later owned by Joseph Bird, and engaged in farming and distilling. He died March 18, 1858, at the home of his son Matthias, and is buried in the old Presbyterian graveyard near Deiblers station, below Shamokin. Mr. Persing was married in 1797 in New Jersey to Anna Eve Larkins, who was born March 28, 1776, and died July 13, 1850. They were the parents of the following children: William, born March 28, 1797; Mary, born Sept. 12, 1800, who married John Shipman; George, born Feb. 1, 1802, who died Nov. 23, 1824 (his death was caused by a falling tree); Sallie A., born March 28, 1804, who married Michael Taylor; Catharine, born Oct. 18, 1806, who married Isaac Teitsworth; Benjamin, born April 7, 1809; Matthias, born Dec. 21, 1810; Susanna, born Feb. 10, 1813, Mrs. Willitt; Nancy, born April 19, 1815, who married Jacob Goss; Washington, born June 3, 1818, of Illinois; and Alfred, born Sept. 15, 1822, who died Oct. 23, 1824.

Matthias Persing, son of John, born Dec. 21, 1810, in New Jersey, was reared on the farm in Shamokin township, and himself took up farming, owning a 100-acre tract, now the property of K. C. Leisenring. By trade he was a stonecutter, and he did contracting in that line, one of the last large contracts which he filled being for part of the stone work on the Sunbury, Hazleton & Wilkes-Barre railroad. After this he was associated in the contracting business with Andrew Knoble, under the firm name of Persing & Knoble. Among other important work which Mr. Persing performed was the mason work on the large coal breakers at Shamokin. He was one of the leading men of this region in his day, employing large numbers of men, and showing great ability in all his undertakings, which were ambitious enough to give him a place among the most progressive men of his time. He died April 25, 1874, at Elysburg, and is buried in the graveyard at Reed's Church, at Reed's station, below Shamokin. Politically he was a Republican, socially a Mason, a charter member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., of which he was a past master "by merit." In religion he was a Presbyterian, and served as deacon of his church. He married Joanna Parent, daughter of John Parent, an Englishman, among whose children were also John, Elizabeth, Sophia, Sarah, Caroline and Ellen. Mrs. Persing died about 1871. The following children were born to this union: Emanuel S., born in August, 1843, who died in 1909; Alson, who died in infancy; Joanna, who died in infancy; Emma, Mrs. George W. Heffly, deceased; Hamilton S., who died at Williamsport, Pa. (he left a daughter, Carrie C.); Edward E., who died in 1907 at Altoona, Pa.;

Ida V., Mrs. Adolphus Hartman, deceased; and Ambrose.

Ambrose Persing began his education in the schools of the home locality, later attending Elysburg Academy. At the age of eighteen years he commenced to learn milling, at Paxinos, and in 1885 engaged in milling upon his own responsibility, leasing the mill at Arters for two years. He then became associated with Ritter & Son, of Lairdsville, Lycoming Co., Pa., continuing with them for two years, at the end of which time he and his brother Emanuel S. Persing formed a partnership, buying the Shamokin Valley Roller Mills at Arters, in Upper Augusta township, which they operated under the firm name of Persing Brothers. In 1892 Frederick W. Cooke bought the interest of Emanuel S. Persing in these mills, and he and Ambrose Persing have since done business together as Persing & Cooke. They turn out a number of popular brands of wheat flour, Golden Sheaf and White Falcon among others, and make a specialty of buckwheat flour, which is famous over a wide territory, having few equals. The firm also deals in flour, feed, grain, etc., and has a large patronage in every line. The business has long been the leading industry of the town and vicinity. Mr. Persing has taken an active part in the public affairs of his community, having served fourteen years as auditor of Upper Augusta township, and he is at present assistant postmaster at Arters. In political connection he is a Republican, and socially he is a Mason, belonging to Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M.

On March 28, 1885, Mr. Persing married Ida E. Cooke, daughter of Edwin and Catharine (Casey) Cooke, and sister of his business partner. Mr. and Mrs. Persing have no children. They are members of the Church of Christ at Sunbury.

FREDERICK W. COOKE, member of the firm of Persing & Cooke, proprietors of the Shamokin Valley Roller Mills, at Arters, in Upper Augusta township, is not only one of the able business men of his section but also well known in his connection with its public affairs. He was born July 27, 1861, in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Edwin Cooke, and has passed all his life in Northumberland county.

Edwin Cooke was born in Shropshire, England, came to America in 1857, and settled down to farming in Ralpho township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he had a tract of 150 acres. He was a Methodist in religion and particularly interested in church affairs, helping to rebuild the present Oak Grove Church. He died in 1902, at the age of sixty-five years, and is interred in the Oak Grove burying ground, near Paxinos. He married Catharine Casey, a native of Limerick, Ireland, whom he met aboard the vessel while coming to America. She still survives, living on the

old homestead, and is well preserved in spite of her advanced years. Six sons and five daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cooke; Edwin H., now of Union Corners, Pa.; John J., who lives near the homestead, in Ralpho township; Sarah J. (deceased), who married Hamilton Persing; Frederick W.; Ida E., wife of Ambrose Persing; George W., of Ralpho township; Daniel W., of Pittsburg, Pa.; James A., of Rush township; Kate, who died aged five years; Kate, wife of W. E. Fisher, of Paxinos; and a daughter that died in infancy.

Frederick W. Cooke began to learn the trade of miller at Paxinos when twenty years old. For seven years he conducted the Shamrock Mill, located near Paxinos (then known as Hughes station mill), and in 1892 formed his present partnership with Ambrose Persing, with whom he has since been engaged in the milling business under the name of Persing & Cooke. This firm has had a career of continuous prosperity, and has a large custom, drawn from a wide territory. In addition to manufacturing, they deal in flour, feed, grain, etc. Among their various brands Golden Sheaf, White Falcon and Silver Cloud are the leaders, and their buckwheat flour, of which they make a specialty, has a wide reputation, so much so that the supply has never been equal to the demand, although they have never advertised it, or done any soliciting.

Mr. Cooke has no political affiliations, voting independently, but he has taken considerable part in the public affairs of his locality, having served eighteen years as overseer of the poor in Upper Augusta township. He was also supervisor one term, refusing to serve longer though re-elected. He was elected justice of the peace, but refused to accept the honor. He was instrumental in having the postoffice at Arters—the only one in the township—established, in 1895, was the first postmaster, and is still serving in that capacity. In 1900 Mr. Cooke took a course in Spencerian penmanship under Prof. A. C. Crawford, of Sunbury, and he became a master of skillful and legible penmanship, having a high reputation in that capacity. Socially he is widely known, belonging to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, and to Lodge No. 203, I. O. O. F., of Sunbury. He was originally a member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., of which he was worshipful master. He and his family are members of the Church of Christ at Sunbury, of which he is the elder.

On Jan. 29, 1885, Mr. Cooke married Laura Fenstermacher, daughter of G. Washington and Caroline (Zanders) Fenstermacher, of Franklin township, Columbia Co., Pa. She died Oct. 27, 1908, aged forty-four years, the mother of six children: Frank married Josephine Feffingwell and they live in Upper Augusta township; George W. married Margaret Ruch and they live at Northumberland; Frederick W., Jr., was drowned

when seventeen months old; Jesse A. died of diphtheria when five years old; Roy A. is at home; and Ida L. is at home. On Nov. 19, 1910, Mr. Cooke married (second) in Philadelphia Mrs. Martha L. Huff.

GEORGE W. PARMLEY, deceased, for many years successfully engaged as a florist and merchant at Shamokin, was of English blood but American birth. He was born at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, in 1858, son of Samuel and Matilda (Ellis) Parmley.

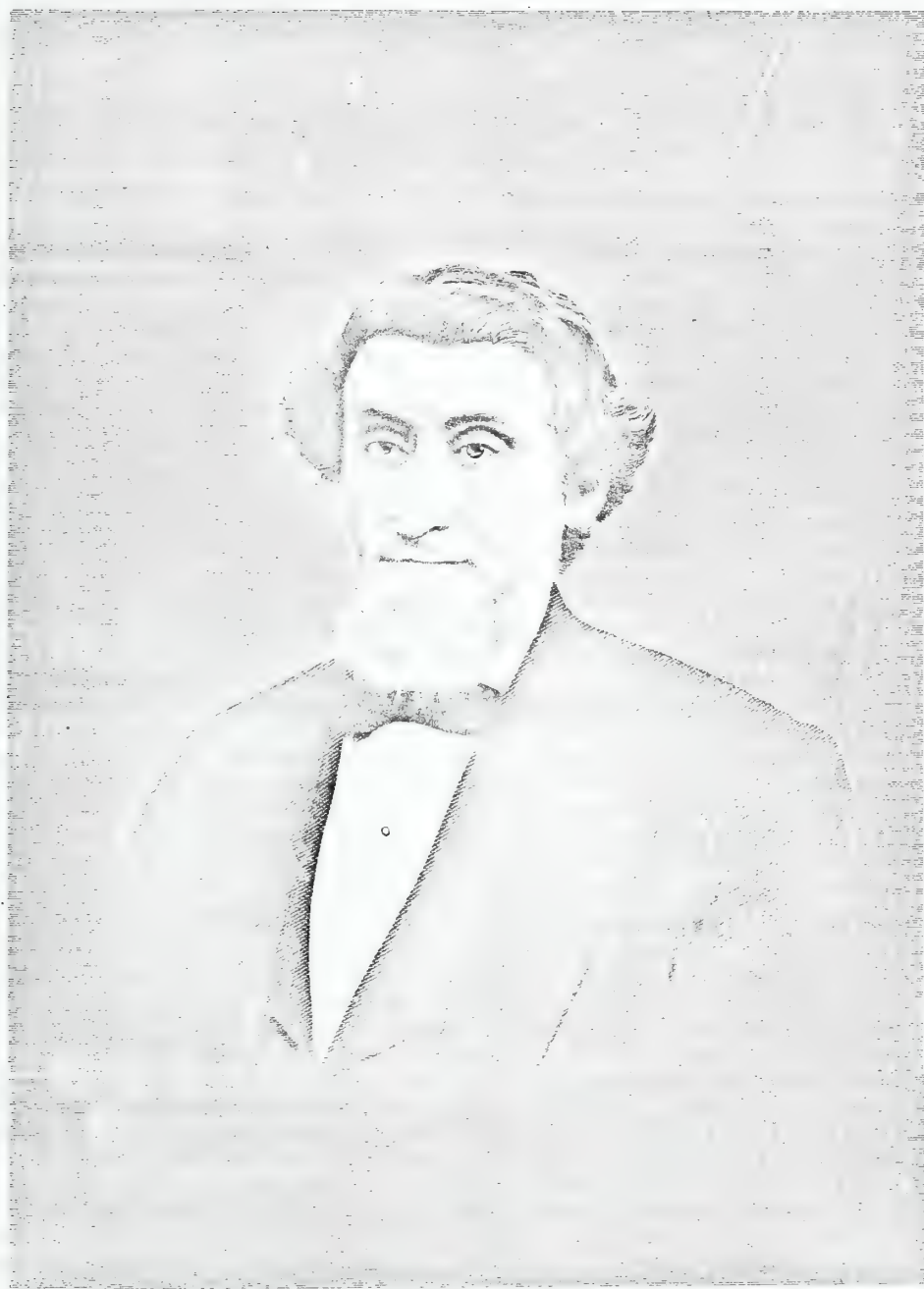
Samuel Parmley was born in England, and came to America with his first wife. After a short time in New York his wife died, leaving two children, Henry (since deceased) and Elizabeth (who married Dallas Van Horn). Mr. Parmley married (second) Matilda Ellis, and to this union were born: Charles S.; George W.; Thomas J., of Carlisle, Pa.; and Mary E., deceased wife of Llewellyn James. Mr. Parmley after his second marriage settled at Tamaqua, in Schuylkill county, where he engaged in a mercantile business and prospered.

George W. Parmley came to Shamokin in 1884, and was first engaged in a milling business with Andrew Robertson. Later he became a florist, and acquired a wide reputation by his success in that line. He also carried on a china store, located at Independence and Orange streets, one of the best locations in the city, and was so engaged until his death.

Mr. Parmley married Minnie F. Douty, daughter of William H. Douty, and to this union were born: George W., Jr.; Samuel C.; J. Hillmer; and Dorothy L. Mrs. Parmley resides in her comfortable home at No. 126 Church street.

DOUTY. Mrs. Parmley is a member of a family that was active in pioneer days in Pennsylvania.

JOHN BLUNDIN DOUTY, her grandfather, was a prominent man in the coal regions. He was born near Lambertville, N. J., May 30, 1812, son of William and Mary (Blundin) Douty, who came to Rush township, Northumberland county, about 1822. Four years later they removed to Pottsville, where the father became the owner of five boats on the Schuylkill canal, John B. being placed in charge of one of them. He worked as a boatman until 1842, when he became interested in the coal trade at the East Delaware mines. After a few years there he went to the West Delaware mines where he operated until the failure of the company in 1851 caused the loss of all he had accumulated. In 1852 he came to Shamokin and began mining in a small way at the Gap, as a member of the firm of Kase, Douty & Reed. This venture met with little success, and in 1856, with others, under the name of Bird, Douty & John, he leased the Big Mountain colliery, which in the



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end proved successful. In 1859 he withdrew from the firm to take charge of the Henry Clay colliery, and he acquired a handsome fortune. He opened and operated the Brady colliery for a few years, and in 1873 began working the Ben Franklin colliery, at which he was engaged for the remainder of his life. He died Nov. 15, 1874, in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. On May 22, 1836, he married Lavinia Jones, daughter of William and Catharine Jones, of Reading. They had one son, William H. Mr. Douty was a man of decided views, and was very tenacious of his opinion. He had a kind heart, and was ever generous to those less fortunate than himself.

WILLIAM H. DOUTY, son of John B., was born at Pottsville, Pa., in 1836, and died in October, 1896, in Philadelphia, where he was buried. He assisted his father in the management of his coal mines at Shamokin and Doutyville. He was sole manager of the Ben Franklin colliery at Doutyville, one of the largest mine workings in the anthracite field, and with John Gabel became the owner of the Garfield mine. He was one of the chief movers in suppressing the terrible crimes of that desperate band of men known as the "Mollie Maguires," who infested the coal region in the early seventies. He had other business relations, however, being engaged in the dry goods and grocery business on Sunbury street, his place being known as the "Brown Stone Front," and was very successful in his undertakings. In 1893 he went to Philadelphia, where he lived in retirement until his death. He married Dorothea M. Stroup, daughter of William and Sarah (Christ) Stroup. Their children were: Phoebe, wife of Philip Goodwill, of Bramwell, Mercer Co., W. Va.; Minnie F., widow of George W. Parmley; John, of Cumberland, Md.; and Sallie, who lives with her sister Mrs. Goodwill.

Mr. Douty was burgess of Shamokin in 1873, an office in which his father's brother, R. B. Douty, had been the first incumbent in 1864-65. He was the first president and director of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Shamokin, which was incorporated Nov. 29, 1882. Mr. Douty was one of the prominent citizens of Shamokin appointed as a committee to prepare a constitution and by-laws for the Board of Trade, Jan. 24, 1887, and he became the first president of that important organization. The first attempt at fixing up the streets of Shamokin was made by Mr. Douty and Dr. R. S. Hollenback, both going to Harrisburg to appeal to the Legislature for a loan of money from the State for that purpose, as the taxes at that early time were insufficient for any improvements of this kind. Mr. Douty and his family were Presbyterians.

JOHN H. BECK, of Rockefeller township, has long been considered one of the most progressive

farmers of his section of Northumberland county. He was born Aug. 30, 1850, in Frailey township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and belongs to a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania since Provincial times, being a descendant of John Martin Beck, who was born in Europe in the year 1724, and died Sept. 29, 1785. His wife, Catharine, was born May 1, 1726, and died Oct. 19, 1804. Among their children were sons Daniel, John and Jacob. A Catharine Beck, born June 27, 1766, who died July 2, 1846, was probably a daughter of John Martin and Catharine Beck, who were the grandparents of Gottlieben Hoeckly.

John H. Beck, the grandfather of John H. Beck, was a grandson of John Martin Beck, the immigrant ancestor. He was born Feb. 11, 1786, in Northampton county, Pa., and settled in Lykens valley, in Dauphin county, where he followed farming throughout his active years. He died June 20, 1855, aged sixty-nine years, four months, nine days, and is buried at Uniontown, Dauphin Co., Pa. He gave considerable land to the cemetery. He married Susan Greenswicht, of Northampton county, and to them were born the following children: Daniel; John and David, twins; Jonathan; George; John Jacob; Polly, Mrs. Benneville Ossman; Harriet, Mrs. Wolf (she and her husband moved to Ohio); Susanna, Mrs. Heater; and Christianna, Mrs. Charles Drumm.

John Jacob Beck, son of John H., was born June 24, 1820, and died May 15, 1883. He is buried at the Wolf's Cross Road Church. For a number of years he was a coal miner, living in Audenried, Pa., for several years, and for three years at Hazleton. After his marriage he moved to Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, Northumberland county, where he bought from David Shipe the farm of eighty acres upon which he made his home to the close of his life. He carried on general farming, in which he prospered so well that he was able to buy more land, adding materially to his original acreage. He was a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religion.

In the spring of 1848 he married Elizabeth Shadel, who was born in Schuylkill county Aug. 24, 1822, daughter of David Shadel, a native of Northumberland county, who married Polly Hoffee, of Lykens valley, Dauphin county. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shadel: Elizabeth, Henry, Caroline, Sarah, Catharine, and Eve. Mr. Shadel passed most of his life in the Lykens valley, and was a hat manufacturer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Beck had three children: John H.; David, who died when seven years old; and Louisa, who married W. B. Eister, Esq., a merchant and postmaster at Seven Points, this county.

John H. Beck was reared and educated in Rockefeller township, where he has passed all his life. He was reared to farm work and eventually bought the old homestead, to which he has added

until he now has a tract of 260 acres, where he carries on general farming. He has raised considerable stock, and for many years was engaged in the dairy business, running a milk team daily to Sunbury. He kept as many as thirty-two cows, which were cared for in the most approved hygienic fashion, his barn being a model modern establishment, supplied with running water and various other facilities for keeping it cleanly and attractive. He has also made a number of improvements in his residence, which is supplied with running water and is a comfortable home, kept up with the same care which characterizes all Mr. Beck's possessions. He has shown excellent business ability in every branch of his work, which has thriven under his management until he is justly regarded as one of the leading agriculturists of his section. He has interested himself in the local welfare, taking part in such movements as affect the entire community, and has been particularly active in local educational matters, having served six years as school director, as supervisor, to which office he was appointed by the court, and from 1903 to 1906 as county commissioner; he was secretary of the board three years. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Beck's hobby has been music, and he is a fine performer on the B-flat cornet, which he has played as member of the Seven Points band; he has also played the tenor horn with that organization. Socially he is a member and past master of Lodge No. 414, F. & A. M., of Elysburg, and a member of Camp No. 139, P. O. S. of A., of Seven Points. He and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church.

On Jan. 2, 1868, Mr. Beck married Abbie R. Zostman, of Lower Augusta township, daughter of Daniel and Esther (Raker) Zostman, both of that township, whose children were: Sarah Ann, one that died in infancy, Alexander, Harriet, William, Mary Jane, Rebecca, Catharine, Abbie R., one that died in infancy, Daniel and Esther. For his second wife Mr. Zostman married Susanna Conrad, of Lower Augusta. He was a tanner by trade, and died in 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Beck have had a large family, namely: William Edward, who died April 21, 1872; David Albert, born May 6, 1871, a dairyman in the Irish valley, in Shamokin township, who married Alberta Dunkelberger; Mary Alice, born Aug. 26, 1872, wife of Harvey E. Miller, a butcher, of Sunbury; Daniel J., born Dec. 13, 1873, a farmer of Rockefeller township, who married Emma J. Maurer and has children, Laura V. and Lloyd E.; George W., born June 18, 1875; Harry Luther, born July 18, 1877, who married Susanna Dunkelberger and lives in Shamokin township; John Norman, born June 26, 1881; Susan Elizabeth, born Oct. 12, 1883, who married Theodore P. Bennett, of Columbia county; Franklin W., born Jan. 20, 1886;

Abbie M., born Sept. 30, 1888; Kate F., born May 30, 1890; Esther N., born Sept. 13, 1892; and Orville E., born July 23, 1895.

Among the family traditions preserved by the Becks are stories of the trouble these pioneers had with the Indians during the early days in Northampton county. It is said that they suffered from several attacks of the savages, from whom they were in such danger that they had a place of refuge constructed under the floor of their house, where they would secrete themselves when the outlook was threatening.

NELSON MILLER, late of Rockefeller township, was one of the leading farmers of his section for a number of years. He was born there June 14, 1860, on the homestead of his father, Solomon Miller, who at the time of his death was the oldest citizen of Rockefeller township, and grandson of David Miller.

The Miller family has long been established in Pennsylvania. George Miller, commonly called "Hunter George," emigrated from Germany some time during the eighteenth century. He settled near Hamburg, in Berks county, Pa., and had several children, of whom nothing is known at present except such history as has been preserved concerning the son John. John Miller, born in 1759, settled in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, prior to 1785. He owned about thirteen hundred acres of land situated upon the Centre pike, and built his log house upon the south side of the road opposite where George W. Miller, his great-grandson, now resides. In 1785 he married Catharine Reber, who was born Sept. 26, 1769, and to them were born two sons and two daughters: George; David; Elizabeth, who was twice married, first to a Mr. Rockefeller and second to a Mr. Wilbour; and Sarah, Mrs. Miller. Before his death, which occurred in 1804, when he was forty-five years old, George Miller divided his property between his sons, David obtaining the land on the south side of the valley and George that on the north side. His wife, who survived him many years, died Aug. 19, 1845, at the age of seventy-six years. John and Elizabeth Miller are interred in the old Baptist burial ground near Deiblers station, in Shamokin township.

Solomon Miller, father of Nelson Miller, was born in August, 1826, in Shamokin township, this county, and thence moved to Rockefeller township, where he lived for sixty years. For many years he was one of the most prominent residents of his section. A prosperous farmer, he acquired the ownership of several of the finest farms in the township, and had a long active career, retaining his physical vigor until well advanced in years. He continued to work until five years before his death, when he sustained an injury which made it necessary for him to relinquish some of his activ-

ities. He died July 11, 1909, when almost eighty-three, and was the oldest citizen of the township at that time. His death was caused by paralysis. Mr. Miller's home was seven miles from Sunbury, where his remains were taken for interment, in Pomfret Manor cemetery. The community felt that in his death it had lost one of its most valuable citizens. He had not only managed his own affairs well but had been intimately associated with the best interests of his section, encouraging and supporting everything that would advance the prosperity of the township, and those in financial distress found a true friend in him. Mr. Miller had been married three times, his first wife being Adaline Kline, who died three or four years after their marriage. To this union was born one daughter, Theresa, now the widow of Prof. Ira Shipman and living in Sunbury. By his second wife, Catharine (Long), daughter of Daniel Long, there were two sons, Nelson and Jefferson, the latter now in Texas, where he holds a responsible position in the oil fields.

Nelson Miller received his education in the public schools and was reared to farming, which he followed all his life. From the time he was twelve years old he had charge of his father's teams. In 1910 the homestead farm of his father came into his possession—one of the finest farm properties in Rockefeller township and under an excellent state of cultivation. The farm on which he died, and where his widow and family live, contains considerably over one hundred acres, and in addition Mr. Miller owned two adjoining farms. He died Nov. 14, 1910, suddenly, succumbing to a stroke of paralysis from which he suffered the day before. Fifty years of age, and possessing abundant vitality and splendid physique, he was taken away when the best part of his life was apparently before him. He is buried at the Stone Church at Augustaville. The family are Lutherans. At the time of his death Mr. Miller was serving as supervisor of his township, and he had been a member of its school board. He was a man who possessed the confidence of his fellow citizens, and proved himself worthy of it in the discharge of the duties of his public trusts.

On May 13, 1883, Mr. Miller married Tillie C. Klase, daughter of Francis and Rebecca (Shaffer) Klase, who lived at Stonington, Pa., and seven children were born to them: Dora E.; Carl W., now farming one of the tracts belonging to his father's estate, who married Stella Bartholomew and has one child, Arline; Arthur E.; Frank S.; Ralph W.; Mary T., who died in childhood; and Grace R.

PETER W. SCHLEIG, justice of the peace and retired merchant, of Gowen City, in Cameron township, is one of the best known citizens of his section of Northumberland county, where he has

been identified with business and public affairs for a long period. He was born in Cameron township April 28, 1845, son of Daniel and Catharine (Weary) Schleg, and comes of a family of German origin.

Adam Schleg, his great-grandfather, came to this country from Germany, and served his adopted land in the Revolutionary war. He afterward settled upon the land now owned by Brinton Hartline, in Cameron township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and died at the age of seventy years. His son Adam, who was born about 1774, inherited that property and passed his entire life there. He taught German in the local schools. He died in Cameron township about 1819, at the age of forty-five years. To him and his wife, Catharine (Derck), were born six children: Daniel; Michael; Martin; Elizabeth; Sarah, Mrs. John Derr; and Catharine, Mrs. Philip Kerstetter. Elizabeth, who lived in Cameron township, was the last survivor of the family.

Daniel Schleg, eldest son of Adam, was born Aug. 8, 1812, at the old homestead, and died in 1872, at the age of sixty years. He learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed in connection with farming, and was quite a prominent man in his day in the locality, holding minor township offices and being an active worker in the Reformed Church, which he served as elder and deacon. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Catharine Weary, who survived him, continuing to make her home in Cameron township until her death, in 1897, at the age of seventy-one years. They were the parents of six children: Peter W., Joseph, Michael, Hannah (wife of Daniel Knarr), Salome (wife of Henry Sortman), and Martin, all now deceased except Peter W. and Hannah.

Peter W. Schleg was reared upon the old homestead place, which his father inherited and occupied. He received his education in the public schools of Cameron township, and when a boy of thirteen commenced work in the mines, where he was employed for sixteen years, filling various positions. In 1874 he established himself in the mercantile business at Gowen City, which he continued for over thirty-five years, retiring June 22, 1910, since when the store has been carried on by his son Andrew H. Schleg. Mr. Schleg, however, has by no means retired from active participation in business or matters of general interest. In 1909, in partnership with his son Andrew and Elias Gonser, he established a telephone company for local service which has proved a boon to the community, both as a progressive measure and for the convenience it has afforded many residents of the locality. It is known as the Gowen City branch of the Bell phone, and has been a highly successful enterprise.

There are few men in this section who have been

more prominently identified with the administration of local public affairs. Mr. Schleig has always been an enthusiastic supporter of the cause of free education, and as such was repeatedly elected to membership on the school board, his willing services meeting with the highest approval of his fellow citizens. He has also served his township as treasurer, auditor, assessor (five years) and justice of the peace, to which office he was first elected in 1876, and in which he has served continuously since. He has been a lifelong Democrat, and one of the leading members of the party in his township. In every relation of life he has won the respect of all associated with him. Socially he holds membership in Gowen City Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Rebekah Lodge No. 75 of Gowen City, Shamokin Lodge, F. & A. M., and Gowen City Camp, P. O. S. of A. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church, and has served six years as deacon.

Mr. Schleig's first wife, Annetta (Haupt), daughter of Benjamin Haupt, died at the age of forty-six years. By this union there was one son, Andrew H., who was born March 28, 1864, received a public school education, and at an early age entered the employ of his father, with whom he has ever since been associated in business. In 1885 he was appointed postmaster at Gowen City and he has held the office ever since. He has served the township as auditor and tax collector, and served as county auditor two terms. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been an active citizen in many ways, leading a busy and useful life. He is a member of Gowen City Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the encampment, and a member of Shamokin Lodge, F. & A. M. He married Mary Henninger, daughter of Nathan Henninger, of Cameron township, and they have had two children, Charles and Goldie. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Schleig are members of the Lutheran Church.

For his second wife Peter W. Schleig married Mrs. Lillie A. (Yoder) May, daughter of Enos D. Yoder and widow of Harry May, by whom she had two children, Joseph G. and Enos D. Her father was born in the Mahanoy Valley and moved thence to Shamokin, where he engaged in the jewelry business; he married Susanna Drumheller. Mr. and Mrs. Peter W. Schleig have had these children: Rolland L., Goldie L. and Annie S., all living. Socially Mrs. Schleig holds membership in Rebekah Lodge No. 75 of Gowen City, the ladies auxiliary of the I. O. O. F., and she is a member of the Reformed Church.

LAFAYETTE SECHLER, now a resident of the borough of Riverside, was until recently a farmer in Gearhart township, in which section his family has resided for several generations. Mr. Sechler was born in 1860, at Bradys Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of Alem Marr Sechler,

and he is a grandson of Jacob Sechler and great-grandson of John Sechler.

John Sechler was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. In 1775 he purchased from the Penns some five hundred acres of land in what is now Danville, and built a house not far from where the State hospital now stands, in which house, in 1790, his son Jacob was born, the first male child born within the present limits of Danville. The old Mahoning burying ground was taken from his land.

History informs us that there were four brothers of the Sechler family who settled in or around Danville. One of these was Rudolf Sechler, born in 1772, who married Susanna Douty. He was a blacksmith by trade, but later became register and recorder of Columbia county, Pa., and in 1821 he was appointed justice of the peace, which office he held until 1845, resigning on account of his age. He died in 1857, at the age of eighty-five. He was the father of six children, of only one of whom, at this writing, we have any definite knowledge, this being H. B. D. Sechler, who was born Jan. 26, 1808. In his early life he became a painter, following that business all his active life. In 1830 he married Jane Jamison, of Mifflin county, Pa., who died in 1831; in 1835 he married (second) Sarah Gearhart, daughter of John Gearhart, and a member of the Gearhart family so prominent in this section, and they were the parents of Harriet (Mrs. John Watters) and Emma (Mrs. John Yorgy).

Jacob Sechler, son of John, born in 1790, was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Barbara Reese, and they were the parents of a large family, of whom we have the following record: (1) Abram, born in Danville April 13, 1814, was twice married, the first time, in 1835, to Lavina, daughter of Asa Pancoast. She died in 1864, the mother of five children, of whom are mentioned Mary Alice (Mrs. Henry Schick), Sarah Jane (Mrs. John Kerwin) and W. W. (of Philadelphia, Pa.). In 1869 Abram Sechler married (second) Harriet Wertman, daughter of John Wertman, and to this union was born one child, Martha (Mrs. Charles Robinson). (2) Samuel, born in Danville, married Martha Morgan, and they were the parents of Jacob, Hannah (Mrs. Ends), Dallas, Isaac, John and Mrs. Newberry (of Sunbury, Pa.). (3) Jacob married Susan Harris and they were the parents of the following children: Harris, Charles, Anna, Ida and Jay, all of whom live in the West, their father having moved to that section many years ago, settling in Wisconsin, where he founded the town still known as Sechleville. (4) Mary, Mrs. Coxey, had children, Jacob Sechler, Martha and Elizabeth, all of whom live in Ohio. (5) Alem Marr is mentioned below. (6) Frank R., born March 22, 1826, in Mahoning township, Montour county,

married in 1850 Abigail Best, and they have children, Barbara (Mrs. Kinney) and Clarke (of Philadelphia, Pa.). (7) James moved out to St. Louis, Mo. (8) Lafayette, born in Danville, married Rosanna McBride, and they had four children, Margaret (Mrs. Jeremiah Faust), Anna (wife of Rev. J. H. Mortimer), William A. (who married Mary Williams and has one son, Jay) and Ida M.

Alem Marr Sechler was born in 1824 in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., and died in 1903. He was by trade a straightener of iron rails, for railroads, and straightened the first rail made in the iron mills at Danville. In 1854 he purchased a farm in Gearhart township, Northumberland county, lying along what is known as Kipp's run, it being a part of the tract settled by the Doutys and later owned by the Kipps. Mr. Sechler married Emily Love, daughter of Stephen Fairchild and Mahala (Nelson) Love, and they had three children, Lafayette, Kate and Gardner Little (who died in infancy); the daughter married Charles W. Blakeslee, a teacher in the High school at Long Branch, N. J., and they became the parents of three children, Marriion and two sons who are deceased.

Lafayette Sechler was reared on the farm, meantime receiving his education in the common schools of his home township and at Williamsport, Pa. After attaining his majority he continued farming, on his own account, and upon the death of his father he purchased the old homestead in Gearhart township, which he carried on until 1909. At that time he moved to his present home in the borough of Riverside, and he has since rented his farm, which comprises 156 acres of excellent river bottom land. Mr. Sechler has been enterprising in his business, and has made a success of his undertakings, but he has also found time to take part in various matters of interest to the community generally, and he has filled different township offices, having several times held that of school director. He is a Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 516, F. & A. M., of Danville, of which he is a past master.

On Oct. 9, 1884, Mr. Sechler married Clarissa Smith, daughter of Dr. Samuel S. and Sarah (Reed) Smith, and they have two children: Blanche is the wife of P. M. Irey, and lives in Lewisburg, Pa., where Mr. Irey owns and conducts what was formerly the Marsh shoe store; Paul is in his senior year at the Danville high school. The family are members of the Baptist Church, though Mr. Sechler is a Methodist in religious connection.

JOSEPH F. CUMMINGS, of Sunbury, former chief burgess, an influential and honored citizen of that borough, whose career has made him one of its most respected residents, has had long and intimate connection with public affairs in Penn-

sylvania in his capacity of court reporter, a profession he has followed for a period of thirty-five years. His work has not only taken him into the courts of a number of counties in this State, but also into the State Legislative bodies. He was the first official stenographer appointed in the counties of Union, Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata and Perry after the act authorizing their appointment in 1874 was passed.

Mr. Cummings was born March 13, 1853, at McEwensville, Northumberland county, son of Alexander Cummings and grandson of James Cummings, who was a son of John Cummings, the first ancestor of this family in America.

John Cummings landed at Newcastle, whence he proceeded to Philadelphia and from there to Sunbury, Northumberland county. He located in Sunbury at an early day, having been a member of the town council in 1797. He is known to have been possessed of some means upon his arrival in the borough. Of Scotch-Irish extraction, he was a Presbyterian in religious faith, and he left the reputation of having been a man of exceedingly kindly disposition. He is buried at Middle Creek, Snyder Co., Pa. His children were: John, James; Nancy, who married a Mr. Spence; Elizabeth, who married John Cummings, and died at the age of eighty years; and Nancy (the second of that name in the family), who married James Russell and lived at Danville, Pa. John Cummings, husband of Elizabeth, was the first sheriff of Lycoming county, Pa., served as associate judge and was known as "Judge" Cummings, and in 1816 was master of the Masonic lodge at Williamsport, where they resided. He was the owner of a farm on which part of Newberry is located.

James Cummings, son of John, was born July 11, 1794, and died June 26, 1836. For some time he was a merchant at Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa., where he was residing at the time of his death, winning an excellent reputation as a business man. He was public-spirited and took an active interest in the affairs of his time, held the rank of major in the State militia, and was a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., at Sunbury, to which his father also belonged. On Nov. 6, 1817, he married Fannie Billmeyer, who was born in 1788, near Washingtonville, now in Montour county, daughter of Andrew and Fannie Billmeyer, and died April 16, 1835. Mr. and Mrs. James Cummings are buried in the Billmeyer private graveyard, six miles east of Milton, along the Chillisquaque creek. Their children were born as follows: Andrew, Sept. 11, 1818; Alexander, April 3, 1819; Christiana, June 18, 1822; Fannie, March 16, 1826; Nancy, Sept. 11, 1829.

Alexander Cummings was born at Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa. He became engaged in the hotel business at Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa.,

where he was burned out in 1857, his place of business being completely destroyed, and he himself so badly injured in the disaster that he died six months later, in the same year. His wife, Mary E. (Morgan), whom he married Feb. 26, 1846, still survives at the age of eighty-six, making her home with her daughter at Mexico, Montour county. She is a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Cummings were born six children: James H. (who was killed at the Billmeyer sawmill, at the age of nine years, while seated on a sawlog), Robert M., John J., Joseph F., Annie F. and Robert A.

Mrs. Mary E. (Morgan) Cummings was born Nov. 4, 1824, one mile east of the Chillisquaque Church, daughter of Robert and Anne (Auten) Morgan. The latter was the daughter of John Auten, who was a large land owner and miller, conducting as well a sawmill on the Chillisquaque creek, having been among the first settlers along the said creek to utilize its waters for business purposes. His farms are now owned by Hon. Alexander Billmeyer. The children of Robert and Anne Morgan were: John J., Mary E. (Mrs. Cummings), Joseph A. (died young), Jane, Joseph T., Sarah A. and Robert G.

Mrs. Anne (Auten) Morgan, maternal grandmother of the subject of this sketch, was a descendant of Adrian Hendrickson Auten and his wife Elizabeth (Thomas), who came from Holland and settled in Flatbush, Long Island, in 1651, his descendants having moved to Northampton Co., Pa., near Delaware Water Gap, in 1764, and soon thereafter one of the members of the family located in Northumberland county.

Joseph F. Cummings began his education in the common schools, and in his youth learned telegraphy in the Milton office of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company. He was only fourteen years of age when he took charge of a telegraph office near Lock Haven, and after a few years' service was transferred to the day office at Lock Haven, where he was operator for the Philadelphia & Erie and Bald Eagle Valley roads and the Western Union Telegraph Company. It was at this time that he took up the study of shorthand, without a teacher, and with no help from any one who understood its practice. This was in 1872, and in spite of obvious disadvantages he had progressed so far in 1873 that he was requested to proceed to Erie to take the position of private stenographer to William A. Baldwin, then general superintendent of the Philadelphia & Erie railroad. He was the first incumbent to hold a position of this kind in the service of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company, and he was with Mr. Baldwin when the offices were removed to Williamsport. After he had remained a year with Mr. Baldwin the Act of Assembly authorizing the appointment of official stenographers was passed, and in the fall of

1874 he received such appointment to serve in the courts of Union, Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata and Perry counties. At the beginning of such service he entered the Millersville State normal school, near Lancaster, Pa., and pursued the studies of the course between courts, and at the expiration of three years entered the office of Hon. S. P. Wolverton and remained with him between courts until 1881.

For seventeen years Mr. Cummings reported for the courts of Union, Snyder and Mifflin counties, and continues his work in the courts of Juniata and Perry counties, in addition to the courts of Northumberland county. In his long experience as court reporter he has been engaged specially in the counties of Cambria, Blair, Bedford, Huntingdon, Dauphin, Lebanon, Berks, Adams, Montgomery, Delaware, Philadelphia, Lycoming, Clinton and Elk. He was for seven years official reporter for the State Board of Agriculture before said body was organized as a department, and he was similarly employed a number of times as reporter for the State Horticultural Society, of which he is a life member. For the past ten years he has also reported in the State Senate of Pennsylvania, his work including the proceedings of the committee appointed by the Senate and House to investigate the insane asylums of the State, which report was published in book form. In 1880 he was stenographer on the State committee of which Hon. A. H. Dill was chairman. In 1888 he accompanied the Pennsylvania Millers' State Association on their trip across the continent to San Francisco and as far north as Tacoma, Wash., stopping at various places along the route and traveling a week in Yellowstone park. In 1890 he planted a peach orchard of five thousand trees four miles south of Sunbury, and with his other duties managed the growth and product of the orchard for twenty years. When the trees became exhausted he sold the place.

Mr. Cummings's wide experience of and thorough insight regarding public affairs has made him a particularly valuable citizen of his home place. He served some years as a member of the council of the borough of Sunbury, and was subsequently elected chief burgess, in 1891. During his incumbency of that office the first square of vitrified brick paving was laid. He showed his progressive spirit and intelligent understanding of the needs of the community in many ways, chief among which was the bringing to Sunbury of a representative of the Lewis Mercer Sewer Construction Company, of New York City, for the purpose of establishing a general sewer system throughout the borough. An agreement was made satisfactory to the borough council and an ordinance formulated to accomplish the object. The authority was afterward vested in a local party, but never completed. He was active in encouraging all move-

ments for the benefit of the greatest number, and giving his aid to worthy projects whenever possible. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church, in the work of which he has taken an active part, being at present a ruling elder and superintendent of the Sabbath school, which latter position he has held for a number of years. He has served as a director of the Sunbury Mutual Fire Insurance Company from its organization in 1896.

Socially Mr. Cummings is a Mason, being a member and past master of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., member and past high priest of Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., both of Sunbury, and a member of Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree. He is at present senior grand master of ceremonies of the Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the Veteran Association of the Eastern Division of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company.

On Dec. 29, 1887, Mr. Cummings married Emily M. Umberger, daughter of Dr. John R. and Mary E. (Moody) Umberger, of Dauphin, Dauphin Co., Pa., and they have a family of four children: John U., Mary E., Juliet R. and Joseph F. The last named, who was born May 18, 1898, is generally conceded to be the largest child of his age in Pennsylvania. When eleven years of age, in the summer of 1909, he was four feet, eleven inches in height and weighed 226 pounds. Except for his size he is a normal, healthy boy. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings have an ideal home, a large, convenient and well appointed residence with all the comforts which go to constitute a desirable dwelling place.

JOHN F. DRUMHEISER, of Shamokin, former chief burgess of that borough and for over ten years a member of the borough council, is a citizen who has done his share in administering the affairs of the community in such a manner as to reflect credit on both himself and the community. During his long service in the council—of which body he was president one year—and his three years as chief burgess he was in a position to promote much valuable legislation affecting the local welfare, especially as regards improvements in the borough's public utilities. That he used his powers in the most public-spirited manner is attested by his long retention in office. He has made a permanent place for himself among the citizens of Shamokin who have done something for the borough.

Mr. Drumheiser was born Aug. 23, 1857, at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Conrad Drumheiser, a native of Germany, born near Berlin in April, 1831, who came to America when eighteen years old. He landed at New York City, but proceeded at once to St. Clair, Schuylkill county, where he followed mining. He first came to Shamokin in 1859, but his wife died there and he

went back to Schuylkill county, returning to Northumberland county in 1860 and remaining until his death, which occurred June 10, 1873. At the time of his death he was in the employ of Douty & Baumgardner, at the old Henry Clay colliery, which was operated by Alexander Fulton, of Shamokin, and the gas explosion there in which he and ten other men lost their lives was the first accident of such serious importance in the district. Mr. Drumheiser was well known in the town in various connections. He organized the first band at Shamokin and taught the same, and he was also known as a composer of music, devoting all the time possible to such work, in which he took the keenest enjoyment. He was a charter member of the German Reformed Church of Shamokin and one of its liberal supporters.

Conrad Drumheiser was twice married, his first union being with Elizabeth Neagart, of Schuylkill county, by whom he had two children, John F. and Charles, the latter also a resident of Shamokin. By his second wife, Henrietta Machet, he had four children: Elizabeth (married William Lewis), Conrad, Philip W. and Barbara (Mrs. Adams).

John F. Drumheiser came to Shamokin with his father and here received all his education in the public schools. When a boy he began work at the mines, which he has continued ever since, having been employed in that line for the long period of thirty-nine years. He is now at the Burnside colliery, in the employ of the Coal & Iron Company. Mr. Drumheiser is a worker whose intelligence and reliability can be depended upon, and he has the highest reputation for efficiency.

In 1879 Mr. Drumheiser married Caroline Yoder, and to this union have been born the following children: Oliver Charles, Raymond, Ida May, Cora, Gertrude, Malcolm, Helen Irene and Curtis Allen.

Mr. Drumheiser's public service began with his election as member of the council from the Second ward, in 1897. He served ten and a half years in that position, during which time he presided over the council for a year. In 1906 he was elected chief burgess, and served as such until 1909. He is a Republican in political faith. He is a member of Camp No. 149, P. O. S. of A., in Shamokin, of the West End Fire Company, and of the German Reformed Church.

ZARTMAN. The Zartmans of Jackson township, Northumberland county, have been identified with the best element in that region for several generations past, and the family has been settled in this county for over one hundred and forty years. The founder of the family in this country settled in Lancaster county.

Alexander Zartman and his wife Ann Catharina came from Germany to America in the summer of

1728. They were classified with the German Palatinates, but it is more likely that they came from the province of Wurtemberg, possibly from Erlenbach. Their first stopping-place was Philadelphia, whence they followed the pike leading to Harrisburg, and at length found their way into the region of the Tulpehocken, southwest of Reading, in Berks county, not far from the Muddy Creek Lutheran and Reformed Church, where they worshipped in the years 1728 and 1729. Before 1730, however, they located in Warwick township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and in 1738 purchased a tract of land near Brickerville, that county, the deed for which (calling for 197 acres) was given by the Penns to Alexander Zartman in about 1750. He made his last will and testament (recorded at Lancaster, Pa.) Oct. 6, 1762, and it was probated in December, that year. His age is not given. He lived in America thirty-four years. His wife survived him some years. They had two sons, Jacob and Alexander, and as there is no record of other offspring it is probable these were their only children. The line in which we are interested is descended from Jacob, and is given in detail presently.

Alexander Zartman, son of the emigrant, was born July 29, 1731, near Brickerville, Lancaster Co., Pa., and spent all his life in his native county, most likely on the farm he received from his father. This property was near Brickerville, and Alexander Zartman (2) was a member of the Lutheran Church there, at which church he is buried. He lived to the age of seventy-two years. His homestead remained in the family until about 1907, descending through his son Emanuel to Alexander (3), Jacob, George, David and William, son of David. To Alexander Zartman (2) and his wife Magdalena were born children as follows: John Michael, Alexander, Susanna, Maria Elizabeth, Catharine, Emanuel and Margaret. The three sons became the heads of large families, and their posterity is scattered over many States of the Union.

Jacob Zartman, ancestor of the Zartmans of Northumberland county, may have been born in Germany. He received his inheritance from his parents in 1754, when they deeded to him seventy-one acres of the old homestead. This land Jacob Zartman sold to George Graffe in 1759 for £280 (\$1,355.20). In about 1768 he came to Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, where he purchased a 122-acre tract at the foot of Line Mountain. In 1775 John Adam Shaffer deeded a farm of 100 acres to Jacob Zartman, of Mahanoy township, the consideration being £11, and there, between what are now known as Kneass and Otto stations, established the old Zartman homestead, which after his death was owned by his sons Martin and Peter, later by their brother Henry, and then, successively, by Henry's son Martin, Mar-

tin's son Daniel and Daniel's son Samuel S., who sold it only recently to Edward Hilbush. There is a very good spring near the old house, and there stood a beautiful pear tree, from which four generations gathered fruit. In February, 1793, Jacob Zartman made his last will and testament, and died either that month or the month following. He is interred in a private burial-ground in the meadow west of the house; he has no tombstone. He married Anna Margareth Roemin (Ream), and their children were: Henry; Martin; Anna Margareth, born Oct. 28, 1755; Susanna; Eve, born Oct. 1, 1758 (probably died young; her birth and baptism are recorded at Brickerville Church); Peter, born March 3, 1760; Jacob; Anna Maria.

Henry Zartman, son of Jacob, married Elizabeth Hauser, and they had ten children, namely: Christena; John Martin, born Dec. 31, 1774; John Henry, born Sept. 5, 1776; John Peter, born Nov. 30, 1778; John Jacob, born Dec. 10, 1780 (died Feb. 7, 1849); Elizabeth; Sophia, born May 12, 1785; Alexander, born Oct. 29, 1786; Samuel, born Dec. 13, 1788; and Michael.

John Martin Zartman, son of Henry, was born Dec. 31, 1774, and in accordance with the terms of his father's will purchased the old homestead in Mahanoy township. It then consisted of 206 acres. He was born on that place and passed his entire life there, dying April 27, 1833; he is buried on the farm. By trade he was a blacksmith. His wife, Elizabeth (Kniss), born Nov. 19, 1779, died Jan. 14, 1854, and they had three children: Samuel, born Feb. 23, 1803; Daniel, born May 18, 1808, who died March 5, 1883 (his wife Catharine, born April 23, 1814, died May 5, 1898); and Mary.

Samuel Zartman, son of John Martin, moved in 1828 to Jamestown, Greene Co., Ohio, and died July 31, 1856. Like his father he was a blacksmith by trade. On Feb. 12, 1824, he married Margaret Crumrine, who died Feb. 2, 1875. They had the following children, the first two born in Pennsylvania: Elizabeth Ann Maria, Harriet, James W., Eliza, Adelia, Miranda, Samuel H., William Isaac, Charles H., Daniel E. and Essannia H.

Martin Zartman, son of Jacob and Anna Margareth Zartman, was born in Lancaster county, and in about 1769 moved to Northumberland county, where he passed the remainder of his life. Under his father's will he and his brother Peter became joint owners of the homestead at the foot of Line Mountain. He made his last will and testament Oct. 2, 1816, and it was probated Oct. 2, 1817. He married Susanna Futler (Fidler), sister of his brother Jacob's wife, and their children were born as follows: Elizabeth, April 27, 1780; Martin, Nov. 11, 1781; Benjamin, March 13, 1783; William, May 28, 1785; Eve Magdalene, Oct. 8, 1795; Margaret, 1797; David, Dec. 30, 1799.

Martin (Johann Martin) Zartman, son of Martin, born Nov. 11, 1781, lived in Northumberland county, and died May 8, 1849. He was a weaver by trade. He married Elizabeth Kobel, born Sept. 10, 1775, died June 3, 1856, and they had three children: Sophia, John, and Sarah Ann (who married William Schlappig and moved out West, where they died).

Benjamin Zartman, son of Martin, born March 13, 1783, was a farmer in Northumberland county, where he married Mary Stonebraker (Steinbruch). In 1811 he and his family moved out to Millville, Butler Co., Ohio, where they arrived Nov. 9th. He bought land there, reared a large family, and died Feb. 18, 1834; he is buried in the Ziegler graveyard, west of Hamilton, Ohio. His children (at least one: Daniel, born in Northumberland county) were: Daniel, Jonathan, David, Benjamin, William, Sarah, Margaret, Mary, Elizabeth and Lydia.

William Zartman, son of Martin, born in Northumberland county May 28, 1785, was a farmer in Jackson township, owning and occupying the farm there which is now the property of his grandson, Samuel M. Zartman. He died April 30, 1857, very suddenly, while engaged in burning brush; he was sitting on a fence when overtaken by the stroke which ended his life instantly. He is buried at St. Peter's church, at Mahanoy. His first wife, Sarah (Herb), who is buried at Hunter, was the mother of eleven children, namely: Adam, born Aug. 1, 1810; Daniel, born Sept. 29, 1811; Lydia, born Feb. 12, 1814; George H., born April 4, 1817; Abraham, born Dec. 5, 1821; Mary (Polly), born in 1824; Rebecca; Harriet; Sarah; Abigail; and Hannah, who married Charles Leader. One of the daughters married Daniel Reitz, one Simon Bohner, and another Adam Campbell. After the death of his first wife William Zartman married Mrs. Catharine Elizabeth (Wolf) Seiler, who was born Feb. 25, 1787, and died Feb. 22, 1867. They had a son Joseph, born May 11, 1833, who died Dec. 21, 1858.

Adam Zartman, son of William, was born Aug. 1, 1810, in Jackson township, and passed all his long life in Northumberland county, dying Dec. 28, 1889, as the result of an accident, at Herndon. He was caught and killed by a fast train on the Pennsylvania railroad, while crossing the track. He is buried at St. John's Lutheran church. He was a lifelong farmer, in 1844 purchasing the farm in Jackson township which now belongs to his son Elias F. Zartman, and he was a well known and highly respected resident of his district, serving many years as supervisor of his township. On Feb. 27, 1834, Mr. Zartman married Susanna Reitz, daughter of Jacob Reitz, of Little Mahanoy township, and she died Nov. 23, 1842, the mother of five children, who were born as follows: Henry, Dec. 30, 1834; Hannah, Dec. 25, 1835 (died Oct.

3, 1838); Lydia, Sept. 3, 1837; Abigail, Dec. 24, 1838 (died Jan. 18, 1894); Eliza, July 11, 1841. On July 8, 1843, Mr. Zartman married (second) Susanna Forney, daughter of Peter Forney, and by this union there were eight children: Sarah, born April 15, 1845; Harriet, Oct. 7, 1846; Polly, June 20, 1849; Phoebe, Nov. 24, 1850; Elias F., Sept. 14, 1852; Michael, April 13, 1854; Malinda, July 25, 1856; Lucy Ann, Oct. 22, 1858.

ELIAS F. ZARTMAN, son of Adam, was born Sept. 14, 1852, in Jackson township, on his father's homestead, and received his education in the home district, attending subscription schools and for the last two years of his school life the free schools. He was reared to farming, which he commenced on the homestead place on his own account in 1874, and with the exception of 1876 and 1877, when he lived at Berrysburg, Dauphin county, he has been there continuously since. He was also farming at Berrysburg. In September, 1890, the Adam Zartman farm came into his possession. It consists of 188 acres of good land, located in the upper end of Jackson township, and is a valuable piece of property. Mr. Zartman is a thrifty farmer and a representative member of an excellent old family. He is a Democrat in politics and has served three years as school director.

In January, 1873, Mr. Zartman married Hannah Metz, daughter of William and Kate (Forney) Metz, of Berrysburg, Pa., and they have two children: Henry A. married Nettie Steffy and has children, Stanley C., Warren U., Lennie, Hannah L. and Edith May. Charles F. married Martha Lenker and has two children, Paul Elias and Max Alvin. Both the sons live in Jackson township, Henry A. Zartman farming for himself and Charles F. assisting his father. Mr. Zartman and his family are Lutheran members of St. John's Church in Jackson township.

Abraham Zartman, son of William, was born Dec. 5, 1821, on the home place now owned by his son, and was a lifelong farmer, successful in his work and active in the public affairs of his section. For many years he held local offices, serving as school director and supervisor, and he was also interested in church work as a prominent member at St. Peter's, where he held the offices of deacon and elder. He died Dec. 31, 1898, and is buried at that church. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife, Sarah Michael, was born Nov. 25, 1826, and died May 10, 1880. They had a large family, namely: Wilhelmina married Isaac Raker; Daniel M. (deceased) was a resident of Little Mahanoy township; Hannah married Benjamin Peifer; William M. lives near Sunbury; Samuel M. is a resident of Jackson township; Joseph M. lives in Rush township, near Montoursville; Alice married Galen Latsha; Elizabeth married Levi Drumbeller; Mary married George Peifer, brother of Benjamin Peifer.

DANIEL M. ZARTMAN, son of Abraham, was born Oct. 21, 1848, in Jackson township, and entered upon his busy career at an early age. In 1877 he succeeded Joseph Reitz in business at Dornsife, in Little Mahanoy township, a railroad station on the Herndon branch of the Reading railroad. It is a busy place, being the nearest railroad station for the farmers up the Swabian Creek Valley, and for twenty-nine years Mr. Zartman was at the head of its principal activities there. He was not only a general merchant, but also conducted the "Dornsife Hotel," and handled coal during the early years of his residence there, later adding the lumber business to his other interests. He purchased the old Sholly homestead, and in time several other tracts. A thorough business man in everything he undertook, he gained a large and profitable trade, employing three men and doing well in every line he entered. He was the first postmaster at Dornsife, his service beginning in 1879. He died Sept. 21, 1909, and is buried at St. Peter's, of which church he was a Lutheran member. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served some years as township treasurer.

On Jan. 18, 1868, Mr. Zartman married Lana Peifer, daughter of George and Kate (Zimmerman) Peifer. They had one son and one daughter: William P. is an extensive lumber merchant, having his office and home in Shamokin (he employs many men); Cassie married Fred Dornsife and they live at Dornsife.

SAMUEL M. ZARTMAN, son of Abraham, was born Feb. 3, 1855, in Jackson township, was educated in the township schools, and continued to work on the farm until 1885. That year he began working for the National Transit Company, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company, in which employ he still remains. Since 1892 he has made his home at Latsha's pumping station (his post office being Dornsife). In 1900, after his father's death, he obtained the homestead of 145 acres in Jackson township, which he has since rented out. In 1909 he built a large barn, 85 by 38 feet in dimensions, upon the property. The old log house still standing upon the place is one of the landmarks of this region. It is now roughcast. Mr. Zartman is a substantial and respected citizen of his community, a member of the Lutheran congregation at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy, to which his family also belong.

On June 25, 1882, Mr. Zartman married Olive Wolf, and they have had three children, one of whom is deceased, the survivors being: Aura Mabel, who is unmarried and living at home; and Lottie May, wife of Burlington Bohner, of Jackson township.

Joel Wolf, Mrs. Zartman's grandfather, was a farmer in Rockefeller township, owning land there. He is buried at Wolf's Cross Road church, which

was built upon his ground. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannebach, bore him the following children: Raymus, Lydia, Sallie, Henry (deceased), Maria (deceased), Harriet, Reuben, and Elizabeth (deceased).

Henry Wolf, son of Joel, was born in Rockefeller township, where he passed his life, following the trade of carpenter. He died in August, 1896, at the age of fifty-eight years. Mr. Wolf was a Lutheran in religion, as are the members of his family. He married Elizabeth Yordy, daughter of Joel Yordy, and to them were born seven children: Clara married Gabriel Klinger; Olive married Samuel M. Zartman; Annie married George Long; Frazier lives in Rockefeller township; Raymus is a resident of New York; two died in infancy.

David Zartman, grandfather of William E. Zartman, farmer of Jackson township, was born Dec. 30, 1799, son of Martin Zartman, grandson of Jacob Zartman and great-grandson of Alexander Zartman, the emigrant. He was a weaver by trade, and lived in Washington township, dying Oct. 30, 1879, aged seventy-nine years, ten months.

Isaac D. Zartman, son of David, was born Nov. 25, 1835, and is now living at Dalmatia. He married Sarah Campbell.

WILLIAM E. ZARTMAN was born Feb. 23, 1864, on the Zartman homestead in Washington township, son of Isaac D. and Sarah (Campbell) Zartman. He was reared to farm life and educated in the township schools, at the close of his school days hiring out among farmers in Washington and Jackson townships. In 1894 he began farming for himself, having purchased a tract of eighty-six acres in Jackson township, one and a quarter miles northeast of Herndon, where he has since made his home. The water facilities on this place are unusually good, and Mr. Zartman has cultivated the place successfully and profitably. He has by good management succeeded in accumulating property, owning several houses in Herndon. In the administration of local public affairs he has done his share as a good citizen, serving six years as school director of Jackson township. In political opinion he is a Democrat.

In 1884 Mr. Zartman married Alice Drumheller, daughter of Nicholas Drumheller. Three children have been born to them: Abbie married Cleveland Klock (who works for Mr. Zartman, his father-in-law) and they have two children, Hilda E. and Felix William; Carrie L. and Thomas Eugene are at home. Mr. Zartman and his family are Lutherans in religious connection.

ARTHUR R. TREXLER, of Sunbury, proprietor of the largest department store in Northumberland county, is naturally one of the best known business men of this region. He has been sole

owner of this large establishment since 1893, and previous to that time, as a member of the firm of Whitmer & Trexler, was part owner. The business is the oldest in the borough in the dry goods line, and has always been foremost among local commercial enterprises.

Mr. Trexler is a native of Snyder county, Pa., and comes of a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania from the early days, being one of the oldest and most numerous in Berks county, where the first of the line of whom we have record, Peter Trexler, made his home before 1720. We give a record of the early generations in chronological order.

(I) Peter Trexler came to Berks county before 1720, settling in Oley township. As early as Sept. 5, 1720, he was one of the petitioners for the erection of the township. It was but a short time afterward, however, that he left Berks county, moving to what is now Upper Macungie township, Lehigh county, which territory then, covered with brush and scrub oak, offered very little in the way of attraction to the early settler except the abundance of water with which it was blessed. He settled near Breinigsville, his land embracing what is now the John R. Gonser farm. On Nov. 18, 1729, he obtained from Casper Wister, the patentee, a deed for this land, which deed is one of the earliest, if not the earliest, in that region. A seven-years residence was required before naturalization, and Peter Trexler did not take out his papers until 1730. He and his family were the first white settlers in Macungie, and Dr. Helfrich, in his history of the various congregations in Lehigh and Berks counties, says: "Way down in the valley near what is now Breinigsville lived, before the general migration into this neighborhood, a Trexler family, with whom the Indians were very friendly. Mother Trexler often presented the Indians with gifts and gave them bread, and in return they brought her wild skins and showed friendship to the pale-faces."

Peter Trexler died in 1758, and his will, dated Dec. 17, 1744, divides his estate among his widow, Catharine, and three sons and three daughters—Jeremiah, John, Peter, Anna, Catharine and Margaret. The son Peter (2) was made executor of the will. Peter Trexler and his wife were both buried in the family cemetery on their farm, but the graves, originally marked by soft sandstones now wasted away, cannot be definitely located. Steps were recently taken by the Trexler Family Association, in reunion Aug. 28, 1907, to restore this ancient burial place of their ancestors, and to place a tablet to the memory of Peter Trexler and wife. Of the daughters of Peter Trexler nothing is known, but in the diary of Rev. John Casper Stoeber, Nov. 9, 1732, is the record of the marriage of John George Schumacher and Catharine Trexler, of Macungie.

(II) Peter Trexler (2), son of Peter the emigrant, was born Feb. 11, 1721, and was bequeathed the homestead near Breinigsville, which had been deeded to him in 1748. He became a man of considerable importance, and was justice of the peace from 1752 to 1776, as such, under the Colonial system, sitting in the courts at Easton. The first election in Northampton county occurred Oct. 1, 1752, many of the voters being obliged to travel twenty-five miles to deposit their ballots. The opposing parties were the Irish and German settlers. Peter Trexler was elected one of the three county commissioners. He was a frugal man, of methodical habits, and in favor of education. When compelled to be away from home to attend court, he filled his saddlebags with provisions so he could board himself. When schools were established in Pennsylvania by the English nobility for the purpose of teaching the English language, Peter Trexler was made one of the trustees of the William Parsons school at Easton. He died Aug. 25, 1798, and was buried in the family cemetery on the home farm. He married Catharine Winck, born Aug. 7, 1728, died Aug. 14, 1815, aged eighty-seven years, daughter of Casper and Gertrude (Kemp) Winck. According to the Lehigh Church book, at her death she left sixty-two grandchildren and seventy-nine great-grandchildren. Seven children, three sons and four daughters, survived Peter Trexler. The sons were Peter, Jonathan and John. The daughters: Maria Christine, born Nov. 3, 1753, who married Aug. 13, 1776, Peter Haas, and died Sept. 13, 1829, the mother of ten children; Mrs. Philip Fogel; Mrs. Henry Grim; and one of whom there is no record.

(III) Peter Trexler (3), son of Peter of Macungie, and the third of the name, was born Aug. 15, 1748, and is known as Mertztown Peter; frequently in the records his name appears as John Peter or Hom Peter. He was a patriot of the Revolution, serving as captain of the 5th Company of Colonel Breinig's 2d battalion of militia, and on May 5, 1783, was made lieutenant colonel. He was elected county commissioner in 1782; representative in the General Assembly, 1785-86-87-88, thus serving four years, the time limit set by the constitution of 1776. He died March 13, 1828, aged seventy-nine years, six months, twenty-eight days, and was buried in the family cemetery. His will [see Will Book 6, page 187] was made Feb. 15, 1825, and entered April 3, 1828, his sons Peter, Jacob, Reuben and Jonas being executors. He married Catharine Grim, daughter of Henry Grim, youngest son of Geittie Grim, the ancestor of the Grim family so prominent in that section. She was born July 30, 1757, and died July 7, 1828, aged seventy-one years less twenty-three days. Eleven children were born to Peter and Catharine (Grim) Trexler, namely: (1) Maria married John Folk, and had children, Joshua, John, Reuben,

Anna (Shuman), Catharine (first married to a Keizer and second to a Hilbert), Caroline (Guise) and Lydia (Guise). (2) John Peter (Jan. 2, 1777-March 6, 1828) married Rachel Fogel (Sept. 11, 1784-Jan. 1, 1867) and had children, Caroline (Horlacher), Sarah (Seiberling), Maria (Fogel) and Jonas. (3) Jacob became the father of Reuben, David, Peter, Jacob, Mrs. James Breinig, Catharine (Breinig) and Mrs. Stephen Sawyer. (4) Reuben (1782-1846) was an ironmaster, residing in Mertztown, Longswamp township, Berks county, where he also carried on farming and was well and favorably known. He married Anna, daughter of Jacob Lesher, a charming, charitable woman of refined tastes, and they lived in the old Trexler mansion in Longswamp. They had children, Col. William (1816-1905), Horatio (who lived at Reading, where he was president of the National Union Bank), Dr. Lesher (of Fort Wayne, father of Mrs. Anna Wertz, of Allentown, and Mrs. Judith Reno, mother of Claude Trexler Reno, of Kutztown), Lucinda (wife of Gen. James Rittenhouse) and Caroline (wife of William Schall). Mrs. Anna (Lesher) Trexler died in 1848, aged fifty-four years. (5) Benjamin (1784-1855) married Maria Drescher, by whom he had nine sons and two daughters, and (second) Catharine Bolich, who bore him one daughter. (6) Catharine married a Mr. Haas and had children, Judith (Gregory), Nathan, Leana (Butz), Kate (Hoffman), Tallie (Hoffman), Jonathan T., Reuben T. and J. P. T. (7) Jonas is mentioned below. (8) Anna married Philip Drescher, and had two children, Nathan and Judith (Reiter). (9) Nathan lived in Longswamp township, where he died in February, 1865. His will is on record in Will Book 11, page 363. His wife Phebe bore him four children, Edwin H., Mary (Mrs. George Schall), Amelia (Mrs. Jonathan B. Grim) and Sarah (Esterly). (10) Daniel died leaving no children. (11) Judith married Rev. Isaac Roeller and was affectionately known as "Auntie Roeller." She died in 1885, leaving no children. On Aug. 17, 1809, Peter Trexler bought his son Benjamin a large family Bible, printed in 1798, costing seven dollars. This is now in the possession of Oliver Trexler (born Dec. 21, 1852), son of Nathan and grandson of Benjamin.

(IV) Jonas Trexler, son of Peter (3), was the grandfather of Arthur R. Trexler, of Sunbury. He was born at Mertztown, Berks county, where he lived and died. He married Sarah Hottenstein, daughter of Dr. Hottenstein, and they had eleven children born to them. We have mention of the following: Willoughby (married Amelia Filbert), Ahal (or Abyle) H., David H., Peter (married May Himmel), Sarah (married George Ludwig), Angeline (deceased, wife of Milton Ahlum), Eliza (married Harry Miller) and Jonas.

(V) Jonas Trexler (2), son of Jonas, born Nov.

18, 1829, at Mertztown, went to live at Kutztown, Berks county, when a boy, and later to Reading, that county. In 1854 he went to Union county, Pa., where he first followed farming, being a large landowner, and he subsequently engaged in the mercantile business at Shamokin Dam, Snyder county, where he prospered, becoming one of the substantial and well known citizens of that section. He retired from active pursuits ten years prior to his death, which occurred April 6, 1906, when he was aged seventy-seven years. He is buried in the family plot in the Pomfret Manor cemetery, Sunbury. Mr. Trexler married Mary Elizabeth Good, daughter of George Good. She was born near Milton, Pa., and survives Mr. Trexler, still residing at the old home in Snyder county. To Mr. and Mrs. Trexler was born one child, Arthur R.

(VI) Arthur R. Trexler received his early education in the schools of his native place and took a business course at the famous Eastman commercial school in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Returning to Shamokin Dam, which is near Sunbury, he entered mercantile business on his own account, continuing thus for six years, meeting with success and gaining valuable experience. He has since been identified with the business of which he is now sole owner. This store was founded by Whitmer & Foster, which firm was succeeded by Whitmer & Trexler when Mr. Trexler acquired an interest. As previously stated, he has been sole proprietor since 1893. By progressive methods, by anticipating the needs of this growing community, by catering successfully to the various demands of a wide patronage, Mr. Trexler has proved his right to be considered a leader in his line of business in Northumberland county. The fact that his house is known as "The Old Reliable" is ample proof that he merits the confidence and support which have been his throughout his career in the community; while the growth of his establishment, in keeping with other business advances made in the borough during his mercantile experience there, shows that he meets their appreciation with increased service and better accommodations, even more than the local trade would seem to warrant to one less enterprising. The store has maintained its place as the largest and best stocked in Northumberland county for many years, the lines now carried including dry goods and ladies' wearing apparel of all kinds, ready to wear suits, cloaks, waists and other articles of dress, while the grocery department is fully stocked with the best and most desirable goods of every kind. Mr. Trexler has long given his principal attention to his store, though he has other interests, being a director in the Sunbury Trust Company and otherwise identified with local concerns. His business standing is irreproachable.

On Jan. 12, 1884, Mr. Trexler married Lillian

Thompson, daughter of W. G. Thompson, formerly of Thompsonstown, Pa. They have two children: Thompson A., who is a student at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; and Mary E. The family occupy a beautiful residence on Arch street, Sunbury.

RAKER. The Raker family, now numerous represented in several sections of Northumberland county, is of German extraction, the founder of the name in America coming from Baden, near Wurtemberg, Germany, and settling in Montgomery county, Pa., where he lived and died.

Conrad Raker, son of the emigrant ancestor, was born in Montgomery or Berks county and came to Northumberland county among the pioneers. According to tradition he first settled at the "Block House," in one of the eastern counties of the State, and he had a brother who located in one of the upper counties of Pennsylvania. Dr. William Raker, of Pillow, Pa., and his brother, Dr. Morris Raker, of Augustaville, Pa., were second cousins to the descendants of the second generation from Conrad Raker, the pioneer in Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. After his marriage Conrad Raker settled at Augustaville, in what is now Rockefeller township, whence he moved two years later to Little Mahanoy township, settling on the Little Mahanoy creek and following farming there until his death. His holdings comprised between five hundred and six hundred acres, and he gave a farm to each of his sons. He was a strong man, of "chunky" build, was a great hunter and fisherman, shot many a deer, and had a fight with a bear in which his life was saved by his faithful dog. His adventurous spirit made him well known in this respect. In public and church affairs he was a prominent man in his day, serving as county commissioner in 1837 and 1838, and helping to build two churches, the Emanuel Lutheran in Little Mahanoy township and the Stone Church at Augustaville. In religion he was a Lutheran, in politics a Democrat. He is interred in a private burial ground on the farm now owned by Kerstetter & Kraemer, at Raker, in Little Mahanoy township; this place was named in honor of the family. Conrad Raker married Elizabeth (or Rebecca) Dunkelberger, of Northumberland county, daughter of Frederick, and they had children as follows: Frederick, Jacob, William D., Isaac D. and Enoch D. are all mentioned in detail below: John moved out to Illinois, where he died; Mary (Molly) married Elias Peifer and died at Raker; Barbara Alice married Joseph Gass; Esther (Hettie) married Daniel Zartman and died in Lower Augusta township; one daughter married George Savage; and Kate. (Conrad's wife's name is given as Elizabeth or Rebecca here, while in another account it appears as Barbara; if it was Barbara, then

the following dates, from Little Mahanoy cemetery, would apply to Conrad and wife: Conrad Raker, born in Montgomery county, Pa., June 7, 1778, died Sept. 4, 1849; his wife Barbara (nee Dunkel), born April 5, 1779, died Dec. 17, 1838.)

Frederick Raker, son of Conrad, was born Dec. 21, 1804, in what is now Rockefeller township, and spent all but three or four years of his life in his native county. He went to Lycoming county after his marriage and returning to Northumberland settled in Little Mahanoy township, at Little Mahanoy Church. He was a blacksmith, and also followed carpentering and farming, besides keeping "Raker's Hotel" for many years. He died in Little Mahanoy Aug. 4, 1844, and is buried at Raker. Like his father he was a well known and active citizen of his section, serving as justice of the peace and taking a prominent part in the work of the Lutheran Church. He was a Democrat in politics. In 1825 Mr. Raker married Elizabeth Hoffman, daughter of John and Susanna (Drumheller) Hoffman, who settled in Washington township, this county, in 1813. Mrs. Raker was born in District township, Berks county, in 1806, and survived her husband, dying at the age of eighty-seven. She is buried at Raker. Seven children were born to this union: Conrad H. married Susan Dornsife and is mentioned at length elsewhere in this work; Susanna died young; Jeremiah married Jane Martin and died in Philadelphia; Harriet married Israel Dunkelberger, who was killed in the Civil war, and (second) Samuel Dornsife, whom she also survived; Catharine married Samuel Frederick; John H. died Jan. 14, 1862, while serving in the Civil war, at Rolla, Mo.; Jane married a Mr. Bechtel.

Jacob Raker, son of Conrad, was born April 26, 1808, in Little Mahanoy township, and was one of the well known citizens of that locality in his day, living near the present railroad on part of the homestead near Dunkelberger station. He followed farming, and died in Little Mahanoy Dec. 28, 1869, living to be sixty-one. His wife, Margaret, whose maiden name was Zartman, was born Jan. 4, 1813, and died June 12, 1883. They had children as follows: Lucinda, Harry, William, Samuel Z. (died Aug. 19, 1892, aged forty-eight years, eleven months, fourteen days; wife Margarette died Jan. 21, 1888, aged thirty-four years, seven months, twenty-three days), Enoch, Daniel Z. (died July 13, 1898, aged sixty-two years, two months, twenty-four days; his wife, Annie, died Aug. 20, 1905, aged seventy years, ten months, fourteen days), Abbie, Rebecca, Conrad, Cornelius, Alice and Joseph.

William D. Raker, son of Conrad, was born June 7, 1812, in Little Mahanoy township, where he died in February, 1887. He is buried at Little Mahanoy Church. He was a farmer, owning

thirty acres near Little Mahanoy Church, also owned the farm now in the possession of his son Isaac F., and had houses in Trevorton. He was an active and progressive citizen, held the office of supervisor for many years, and was prominent in the Little Mahanoy Church, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee. He is buried at that church. His wife, Catharine (Fink), daughter of John Fink and sister of David Fink, bore him a large family, namely: Martin (deceased), Henry (deceased), James F. (deceased), Isaac F., Lewis (deceased), Galen (who lives on his farm in Little Mahanoy, and is unmarried, his unmarried sisters living with him), Elizabeth (unmarried), Mary (married Adam Reitz), Sarah (married John Kiehl), Hettie (unmarried), Lovina (married William Kiehl), Rebecca (who died unmarried) and Susan (deceased, who was the wife of William Reitz).

Enoch D. Raker, son of Conrad, was born on the farm now owned by his son Edward B. Raker, in Little Mahanoy township, and died in that township June 23, 1888, aged sixty-six years, sixteen days. He was a farmer, and owned the 120-acre tract now in the possession of his son Edward B. A staunch Democrat in politics, he took an interest in politics and local public affairs, holding office for many years, and was also active in the religious life of the community, being a Lutheran member of the Little Mahanoy Church, of which he was a deacon, elder and trustee. He married Sarah Bingaman, daughter of John Bingaman (locally known as "Jack"). To Enoch D. and Sarah Raker were born three children: Edward B.; and Alice and Jane B., twins, the former married to Robert H. Hoffman, the latter to James Rose.

Isaac D. Raker, son of Conrad, was born Dec. 6, 1825, and died March 11, 1907. He lived in Little Mahanoy. During the Civil war he served as county commissioner and subsequently was a jury commissioner. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Phoebe A. (Witmer), born Dec. 6, 1824, died April 5, 1890. Their children were: Alvin, Willie, Clinton, Nelson, Laura, Minnie and Jennie.

James F. Raker, son of William D. Raker, was born in Little Mahanoy township, where he was a well known citizen, being postmaster and station agent at Hunter, a railroad station on the Herndon branch of the Philadelphia & Reading road, for many years. He was postmaster at Raker, also in Little Mahanoy township, from 1882 until his death. The latter post office was established through the influence of Conrad H. Raker, son of Frederick and grandson of Conrad, the pioneer in this region. James F. Raker was also a farmer, owning a tract of about forty acres near Hunter. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served as supervisor. He died June 18, 1904, aged sixty-six

years, five months, twelve days. His wife Catharine (Rothermel), daughter of William Rothermel, died Jan. 12, 1899, aged sixty-two years, one month, twenty-four days. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James F. Raker: William, of Shamokin; Mary, of Hunter, Pa.; and Lewis R.

LEWIS R. RAKER, son of James F. Raker, was born Jan. 12, 1876, in Little Mahanoy township, and spent his youth upon the home farm, receiving his education in what is known as the Raker schoolhouse. He lives at Raker, where he and his wife conduct a grocery store, and also look after the post office, he being assistant postmaster. He also works as hoisting engineer for the Trevorton Coal Land Company. He has his own home, and by his upright life has made an excellent name for himself among his fellow citizens, who have shown their faith in his ability and trustworthiness by choosing him to public responsibilities of various kinds. He was tax collector for nine years, and in the spring of 1910 was elected for his second term as township auditor. In politics he is a Democrat. He is also active in the work of the Lutheran Church, and is secretary and teacher in the Sunday school.

On Nov. 11, 1899, Mr. Raker married Cora Deppen, daughter of John Deppen, of Lower Mahanoy township, this county, and they have one daughter, Verna May, and one son, William Lewis.

ISAAC F. RAKER, son of William D. Raker, was born April 20, 1846, on the homestead, and received his education in the subscription schools conducted in the neighborhood during his youth. Farm work has been his principal occupation, though when eighteen years old he went to learn the trade of miller with his brother Henry, in Juniata county, Pa. He had been there only two months when his brother was drafted for service in the Civil war, and it fell upon the shoulders of the apprentice to make the flour and do all the work of an experienced miller. He continued at milling for one and a half years, farmed for his father twelve years, until the latter died, and then did the same for his mother, with whom he remained twelve years also. At the end of that period he bought his present farm in Little Mahanoy, fifty-five acres of which constituted the old Abraham Rothermel homestead. Mrs. Rothermel died at a very advanced age. To this Mr. Raker added two tracts, of forty-two and thirty-nine acres, respectively, having 136 acres in all. His father, William D. Raker, erected the buildings now on this property, building the house in 1874 and the barn in 1875. Mr. Raker is one of the substantial and esteemed citizens of his community, has served as school director and for many years as supervisor, being at present one of the three roadmasters, and has given efficient service in every capacity. In political faith he is a Democrat, and he is now serving as judge of election.

In religion he is a Lutheran, and he has been deacon, elder and trustee of the Little Mahanoy Church.

In 1873 Mr. Raker married Wilhelmina Zartman, daughter of Abraham Zartman, and they have had four children: Kate is the widow of Albert Raker; Sallie is the wife of John A. Ferster; George married Gertie Sipe; Francis died when eight years old.

EDWARD B. RAKER, son of Enoch D. Raker, was born July 9, 1853, on the homestead, and was reared to farming, working for his parents until he was thirty-five years old. In 1902 he began farming for himself at his present home, this being the farm which belonged to his grandfather and father in turn. The old buildings, however, have all been razed. Mr. Raker is a Democrat and for a number of years was active in county politics, being delegate to many county conventions of the party. He has held a number of offices. For three years, from 1895 to 1898, he was jury commissioner of Northumberland county, having been elected to that office on his first candidacy by a majority of over six thousand votes. For eleven years he was constable of Little Mahanoy township, and he served two years as inspector. He erected many bridges in the county under contract from the county commissioners, and has given thorough satisfaction in every way and in every capacity. In February, 1900, Mr. Raker married Sarah Reed, daughter of Solomon Reed, and they have one daughter, Goldie.

CHARLES LAFFERT WALDRON, of Milton, has been engaged in contracting and building since 1879, his work in this line covering practically the entire period of his residence at that place, as he began carpentering when he came to Milton, in the spring of 1871. His patrons in this borough and all the surrounding towns are numerous, many of the most substantial buildings in this section testifying to the thoroughness of his work and the part he has taken in its material development.

Mr. Waldron's first ancestor in this region was his great-grandfather, Cornelius Waldron. The family has been established in America from Colonial days, and is of Dutch origin, Baron Waldron, its founder in this country, having come from Holland to what was then New Amsterdam, now New York, in 1660. After the English took possession of New Amsterdam the family moved to New Jersey, and Cornelius Waldron, above mentioned, moved from Hunterdon county, N. J., to Pennsylvania in 1785. His first location was near Muncy, in what is now Lycoming county, and he afterward bought a farm in Brady township, that county, still later buying land at the mouth of Muddy run, in Northumberland county. He moved his family to this place, where he was accidentally

killed while felling a tree. He was laid to rest in the old Warrior Run burying ground. Cornelius Waldron served as a captain in the Revolutionary war and after its close was captain of a military company.

Laffert Waldron, son of Cornelius, was born in 1764 in Hunterdon county, N. J., came to Pennsylvania with his father, and purchased the farm on Muddy run. But he soon sold it and bought a place about a mile east, in Turbut township, from the Keichner estate—the place afterward occupied by his son William. There he passed the remainder of his life, dying on his farm in 1837. His wife, Hannah (Webb), died in 1832, and they are buried at the Warrior Run Presbyterian church. The family attended services there. Mr. and Mrs. Waldron had the following children: John, Cornelius, Richard, William, Charles, David, M. D., Mary (Mrs. Sloat), Sara (who married Mr. Sloat after her sister Mary's death), Jane (married James Stadden) and Hannah (who became the second wife of James Stadden after the death of her sister Jane). Laffert Waldron was a fine penman, and some of his work now in the possession of his grandson, Charles L. Waldron, of Milton, shows unusual ability; though it is over a century old it is not faded, and it is well cared for by the present possessor, who prizes it highly.

William Waldron, son of Laffert, was born Sept. 17, 1814, on the old farm in Turbut township, and received his education in the township schools. He followed farming all his life and prospered by dint of industry, winning the respect of all who knew him because of his upright methods and high Christian character. Though his own affairs demanded constant attention he was progressive, and recognized the fact that a citizen owes his duty to his community as much as to his immediate personal interests, and he did his share in local matters, filling various township offices and serving fifteen years as justice of the peace. The cause of free education, not a particularly popular one in his early manhood, also received his earnest support, and all his children received good advantages. He was an original member of the Turbut Grange, P. of H., and an original stockholder of the First National Bank of Milton, giving his influence and support to all institutions which in his opinion would be of general benefit. In religious connection he was a Presbyterian, an active and consistent member of the Milton Church. He died in 1901.

In 1841 William Waldron married Anna Hilgert, daughter of Philip and Catherine Hilgert, of Chillisquaque township, and she died at the age of seventy years. Eleven children were born to this union: Philip H., now living at Trevoose, near Philadelphia, who served during the Civil war in Company B, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers; Hannah J., who married Ephraim

Duitch, of Williamsport; David, who died young; Prof. William A., who died at Bay City, Mich.; May, who married James Marsh, and lives in Michigan; Charles Laffert; Frank P., of Turbut township, who married Susan Hummell; George W., of Coatesville, Pa., who married Ida Brobst; Sarah Elizabeth, of Sunbury, Pa.; John C., who married Mary Kerr; and James M., who graduated from the Pennsylvania State College, became a civil engineer, was formerly in Georgia and is now engaged in the construction of the subway and tunnels in New York City.

Dr. David Waldron, brother of William Waldron, was born in 1820 in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and died in that township April 22, 1885. He stood high in his profession and had a large practice, though he was somewhat erratic in disposition, and he was honored with the office of sheriff of the county, serving from 1860 to 1863. He was a Democrat in politics. From the time he commenced practice until a few years before his death he resided at Milton.

Charles Laffert Waldron, son of William, was born Aug. 26, 1850, in Turbut township, and there grew to manhood. He assisted his father on the farm from an early age, especially during the summer season, but in the winters had good educational advantages, being sent to the academies at Limestoneville and McEvensville. In the spring of 1871 he came to Milton, where he at once began to do carpenter work, though he was engaged in teaching school during the winters of 1874, 1875 and 1876. In 1879 he began contracting and building on his own account, and has since devoted himself to that line with most gratifying results. He is a progressive business man, in both his work and his methods of handling it, and success has come to him because he has made an earnest effort to do the best possible in his line. Outside of his service as school director he has taken no direct part in public affairs. He is a Democrat in politics.

On Feb. 3, 1876, Mr. Waldron married Clara Sharrow, daughter of Jonathan and Anna (Barclay) Sharrow, of Lycoming county, and they have one daughter, Grace Barclay Waldron, who is a graduate of the Milton high school, 1896, and of the Philadelphia Musical Academy, 1898, being particularly accomplished in music. Mr. Waldron and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM C. MCCONNELL was born in Halifax, Dauphin Co., Pa., on the 4th day of April, 1860. His family was one of the oldest in that section, both his father and mother being natives of the county. His parents were George Washington and Sarah (Marsh) McConnell, both of whom are now deceased.

The early days of the subject of this review were

spent in his native county, and he received his primary education at the neighboring public schools. In these institutions he made such excellent progress and proved himself such a ready student that in 1877 he entered Franklin and Marshall Academy, located at Lancaster, Pa., in which institution he rounded out his education and prepared himself for admission to Franklin and Marshall College, where he spent two years, during which he profited by every opportunity.

On Jan. 1, 1882, Mr. McConnell associated himself as a partner with the firm of Kulp, McWilliams & Company, dealers in lumber, brick and ice. For more than four years he remained a member of this business house, and in 1886, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Kulp continued the lumber business, Mr. McConnell and Mr. McWilliams, the remaining members of the firm, formed a partnership under the title of McWilliams & McConnell, and continued in the ice and brick trade. This firm was dissolved in the spring of 1903.

The business capacity and indomitable energy of Mr. McConnell are best illustrated, however, by a statement of the many interests with which he is allied, and the public and semi-public enterprises which owe a large measure of their success to his ready guidance. He was one of the incorporators of the Roaring Creek, Anthracite and Bear Gap Water Companies, and his associates in their management have indicated their confidence in his abilities by electing him to the presidency of these corporations, which important position he held for several years, discharging the duties thereof with rare fidelity. He has also been president of the Shamokin Water Company, elected in May, 1886. Mr. McConnell is a director of the Shamokin Banking Company, of which he is now president, and a member of the Shamokin Board of Trade, connections which aptly show how varied have been his interests and how diversified his energetic efforts. All in all, he is one of the most intelligently and thoroughly progressive men of his borough, active in every phase of its development.

Mr. McConnell was appointed a member of the commission for the selection of a site and the erection of a State Hospital for Injured Persons of the Trevorton, Shamokin and Mount Carmel coal fields by Gov. Edwin S. Stuart, in pursuance of an Act of Assembly passed by the Legislature of 1907. Upon organization of the commission Mr. McConnell was made chairman of the same. The hospital is now in course of construction and will be open for the reception of patients sometime during the month of October, 1911. The building site and surrounding grounds, equaling about eleven acres, was donated by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company and W. C. McConnell.

Thoroughly imbued with the conviction that it is the duty of every citizen to show his public spirit



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by participating to the greatest extent possible in the political affairs of the country, Mr. McConnell early allied himself with the Republican party and has always been a stalwart member of that great political organization. In 1890 he was a delegate to the State convention which placed George W. Delamater in nomination for the governorship, and in 1892 he represented the Seventeenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the Republican National Convention held at Minneapolis, which renominated Benjamin Harrison for the presidency of the Union. At the election in November, 1908, Mr. McConnell was chosen, as the nominee of the Republican party in the Twenty-Seventh senatorial district, comprising the counties of Northumberland, Snyder and Union, to represent the same during the sessions of 1909 and 1911.

On April 14, 1896, he was appointed aide-de-camp, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, on the staff of Governor Hastings. The Union League of Philadelphia elected him to membership in that famous social organization in February, 1897. Colonel McConnell is a member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, Free and Accepted Masons, of Shamokin; Chapter No. 264, Royal Arch Masons; and Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, Knights Templar.

On June 9, 1881, he was married to Ida V. Martz, daughter of Nathan F. and Eliza (Samuels) Martz, of Sunbury, Pa. Mrs. McConnell is a native of Northumberland county. She is the mother of two children, William Donald (deceased) and Katharine Martz. Senator McConnell and his family are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Shamokin.

VASTINE. Abraham Van De Woerstyne, with his wife and their three children, viz., John, Catherine and Hannah, left Holland in the seventeenth century and crossed the ocean on a sailing vessel, landing in New York. They soon crossed over into New Jersey. About the time William Penn founded Philadelphia they came into Pennsylvania. In 1696 we find them in Germantown, Pennsylvania.

In 1698 John Van De Woerstyne purchased several tracts of land from one Jeremiah Langhorn, in Hilltown township, Bucks Co., Pa., and there erected a granite dwelling along the pike leading from Philadelphia to Bethlehem. It stood, as was the custom in that day, with its gable to the road, fronting south, at a point two miles north of Line Lexington and four miles southwest from Sellersville, Bucks Co., Pa. The name John Van De Woerstyne appears on a number of official papers and documents on record in Bucks county; it is found on many papers pertaining to roads and improvements in Hilltown township. John Van De Woerstyne died Feb. 9, 1738. His wife, Abigail, survived him some time. They were the parents of five chil-

dren, as follows: (1) Abraham, born May 24, 1698, died in October, 1772, in Hilltown. He married Sara Ruckman, and they were the parents of five daughters: Abigail, married to Andrew Armstrong; Ruth, married to James Armstrong; Mary, married to Robert Jameson; Rachel, married to Hugh Mears; and Sara, married to Samuel Wilson. Thus far we have been unable to learn anything about their descendants. (2) Jeremiah, born Dec. 24, 1701, died in Hilltown in November, 1769. He and his wife Debora were the parents of one son and two daughters: Jeremiah died in New Britain, Bucks Co., Pa., in April, 1778 (his wife's name was Elizabeth); Martha married John Louder; Hannah married Samuel Greshom. (3) Benjamin, born July 9, 1703, died in August, 1749. (4) John died Feb. 9, 1765, in Hilltown, Pa., unmarried. (5) Mary, born March 1, 1699, married a Mr. Wilson and removed to South Carolina.

Benjamin Vastine, son of John and Abigail, was the progenitor of the family in Northumberland county, Pa. He became a member of the Friends Meeting and at one of the meetings held in Philadelphia requested permission to hold meetings in his house. He married Mary Griffith, and their union was blessed by the birth of seven children, as follows: Hannah married Emerson Kelly; John married Rachel Morgan; Abraham married Elizabeth Williams; Benjamin married Catherine Eaton (he died in September, 1775); Jonathan married Elizabeth Lewis; Isaac married Sara Matthews; Amos married Martha Thomas.

The name Van De Woerstyne has changed gradually, first to Voshne, then to Vashtine and lastly to Vastine. The name in Dutch meant forest, hence the early settlers often called John Van De Woerstyne "Wilderness."

John Vastine, son of Benjamin and Mary (Griffith) Vastine, married Rachel Morgan, and they became the parents of two sons and two daughters: Benjamin, who married Mary Van Zant; Simon, who had a son named John; Nancy, and Margaret.

Abraham Vastine, second son of Benjamin and Mary (Griffith) Vastine, married Elizabeth Williams. Their family, four sons and two daughters, was as follows: John; William; Abraham; Nancy; Mary, and Jeremiah. This family first settled in York county, Pa., and later moved to Kentucky.

Benjamin Vastine, third son of Benjamin and Mary (Griffith) Vastine, married Catherine Eaton, and they were the parents of two sons and two daughters, namely: Mary married Josiah Lunn; Peter married Hannah, daughter of Jonathan Vastine; Benjamin married Dorothy, daughter of Amos Vastine; Elizabeth married Alem Morris.

Jonathan Vastine, fourth son of Benjamin and Mary (Griffith) Vastine, with his nephew Peter, who was also his son-in-law, came to Northumberland county, Pa., where they purchased large farms,

the former about six hundred acres where later Valentine Epler lived, and the latter three hundred acres near that of his uncle. Jonathan, like his father, was a member of the Society of Friends. He was a farmer, and built a house on his farm. He died about 1830 and is buried in the old Quaker burying ground at Catawissa, Pa. He married Elizabeth Lewis, and their union was blessed by the birth of five sons and three daughters, as follows: Benjamin married Elizabeth Van Zant; Ann married Thomas Robbins; Hannah married Peter, son of Benjamin Vastine; Mary married William Marsh; John married Catherine Osmun; Jeremiah married E. Reeder; Thomas died unmarried; Jonathan married Nancy Ann Hughes.

Amos Vastine, sixth son of Benjamin and Mary (Griffith) Vastine, married Martha Thomas, and they were the parents of two daughters: Dorothy married Benjamin, son of Benjamin Vastine; Martha married Robert C. Shannon.

Benjamin Vastine, son of John and Rachel (Morgan) Vastine, married Mary Van Zant and they were the parents of three sons: Benjamin married Elizabeth Hauck; Thomas married Sara Ellis; John married Sara Scott.

Benjamin Vastine, son of Benjamin and Mary (Van Zant) Vastine, married Elizabeth Hauck, and they were the parents of the following: Margaret, who married William Savidge; Armand; Harriet, who married Alem Hughes; Algernon, and Thomas.

Thomas Vastine, son of Benjamin and Mary (Van Zant) Vastine, married Sara Ellis, and they became the parents of four sons and seven daughters: Ann (married George Pensyl), Lucinda (married John Adams), Mary, Samantha, Beneville, Grace Ella, John, Rufus, Thomas J., Jane and Sara Matilda.

John Vastine, son of Benjamin and Mary (Van Zant) Vastine, married Sara Scott, and their children were: Hannah, who married Mahlon Huff; Ellen; Sara Jane; Benjamin; Catherine, and Isabella.

Peter Vastine, son of Benjamin and Catherine (Eaton) Vastine, married Hannah, daughter of Jonathan Vastine, and their union was blessed by the birth of nine children: Catherine, unmarried; Elizabeth, who married John Colket; Benjamin, unmarried; Mary, who married Henry Johnson; Ann, who married Henry Boone; Lydia, unmarried; Thomas Jefferson, who married Harriet Paxton; Peter E., who married Mary Miller; and Jeremiah, unmarried.

Thomas Jefferson Vastine, son of Peter and Hannah (Vastine) Vastine, married Harriet Paxton, and had children: Peter, Margaret P., Charles, Joseph, Sara and Hannah.

Benjamin Vastine, son of Benjamin and Catherine (Eaton) Vastine, married Dorothy, daughter of Amos Vastine. They were the parents of

two daughters: Martha, wife of Joel Miller; and Catherine, wife of Benjamin Miller.

Benjamin Vastine, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Lewis) Vastine, married Elizabeth Van Zant, by whom he had one son and three daughters: Lewis married Martha Boone; Mary married Samuel Boone; Ann married Isaac Wolverton; Rachel married John M. Housel.

Lewis Vastine, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Van Zant) Vastine, married Martha Boone, and they were the parents of the following children: Hannah (married Dudley Adams), Margaret (married Jacob B. Gearhart), Rachel Jane, Elizabeth (married John H. Morrall), Matilda (married Abraham Gulick), Sara, Martha, William B., Lewis B. and George.

John Vastine, second son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Lewis) Vastine, inherited a portion of his father's farm and built what is known as the old stone house—it is still standing—where he lived. He married Catherine Osmun and their union was blessed with four sons and two daughters: (1) Thomas P., born in 1808, married Lanah Vought, and they had children: John Willington, who married Emma Fisher; Catherine and Matilda, both unmarried; Rosanna, who married George W. Miller and was the mother of Gussie M., Florence V., Daniel O. and Ruth A. (2) William is fully mentioned later. (3) John began the study of medicine at the age of eighteen, in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., and graduated at the age of twenty-one years, but soon died. (4) Amos, born in 1813, married Susan Lerch, and died Nov. 15, 1889. His principal business was farming, but at one time he was engaged in the mercantile business at Paxinos. He owned some six hundred acres of land, which he tilled, and also had large real estate interests in Mount Carmel. He was one of the promoters of the Mount Carmel Savings Bank, of which he was president from its organization until his death; was also one of the organizers of the Shamokin Township Fire Insurance Company and was treasurer of same at the time of his death. Politically he was a Republican, and he filled the office of county commissioner from 1871 to 1874. Mrs. Vastine was the daughter of Felix Lerch, one of the pioneer settlers of Mount Carmel. Mr. and Mrs. Vastine were the parents of the following: Felix, who died young; John, who married Kate Bird; Thomas, who married Lizzie Haas, and has children, Amos and Hattie; Catherine, who married E. S. Persing (children, Anna, Sadie, Amos and Susan); and Hattie, who had two children (Amos and William) by her first husband, Olive Reed, and married for her second husband William Metz. (5) Margaret married Charles Hefley and they were the parents of three children, Elizabeth (married Harvey Robbins and had children Margaret and Josiah or Joseph), Harriet and George W. (married Emma

Persing and had children, Harriet and Harvey). (6) Sara Ann married Robert C. Campbell and was the mother of Abram (died unmarried), John L. (unmarried, lives in Danville, Pa.), James C. (married Margaret Mettler), and Margaret C., Hannah J., Isabella A. and Sara Alice, all four of whom died unmarried.

Jeremiah Vastine, third son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Lewis) Vastine, married E. Reeder, and they had a family of one son and three daughters, as follows: Mary married C. Fisher; Margaret married D. Robbins; Surrisa married William Leighou; Thomas married Eliza Reeder and they are the parents of Catherine.

Jonathan Vastine, fourth son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Lewis) Vastine, married Nancy Ann Hughs, and their children were the following: Hugh Hughs married Catherine Zimmerman; Lewis married Sara Potts and had one daughter, Anna, who married Alfred Hablerstadt; and Benjamin died unmarried.

Hugh Hughs Vastine, son of Jonathan and Nancy Ann (Hughs) Vastine, married Catherine Zimmerman, and they were the parents of the following children: Martha Ann died unmarried; William L. married Alice Cardell, and had children, Blanche, Jane, Mary and Cora; Oscar married Edna Gillaspay; Mary married John K. Erdman, and had children, Hattie, Sara, Nora, Allen, Bert, John, Calvin, Kimber and Frank; Jonathan married Cora Hess, and had Charles, Katie and ———; Jacob married M. Smith, and had Ethel, Hattie and Grethel; Lewis married Mary Minamaker; Sara C. married E. Campbell and had a son Elwood, who is deceased; Harriet married William Arnold and had children Bessie and Ann; Ida married Charles Huffman and had a large family, Vergie, Edwin, John, Mary, Wesley, William Wellington and Frank.

William Vastine, son of John and Catherine (Osmun) Vastine, when he reached the age of twenty-one years settled on the farm later occupied by his son Simon, and followed farming. He was a large land owner, cultivating between 450 and 500 acres. In religious faith he was a member of the Lutheran Church. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He died in 1859. In 1832 William Vastine married Elizabeth Hursh, who was born in 1809 and died in 1890. To Mr. and Mrs. Vastine were born the following children: (1) Amos will be fully mentioned later. (2) Jacob H., M. D. born April 2, 1836, was educated in the common schools of his native township, at Danville Academy, Shamokin Collegiate Institute and Jefferson Medical College, from which he graduated in 1858. In 1861 he married Sara, daughter of George Hughs, of Catawissa, Pa., and they are the parents of the following children: Henrietta (married Asa Spencer), Elizabeth (deceased), Dr. George H. (married Nettie Pfah-

ler), William (married Elizabeth Custaborder), Marion (married Catherine Sharpless), Harriet B. (married Horace Boas), Sara (married Ralph Ray Griffith) and Alder (married Mable ———). (3) Hugh H. is fully mentioned below. (4) Simon married Elizabeth Faux and they were the parents of Catherine and Ellen M. (5) Ezra married Sarah Davidson and had two daughters, Bethia and Sara M. (6) Elizabeth A. married Dr. James Oglesby, M. D., of Danville, Pa., and their union was blessed by the birth of two sons, George (deceased) and William V. (an attorney of Danville). (7) Daniel and (8) Ellen died young.

Amos Vastine, eldest child of William and Elizabeth Vastine, was born in Rush township, Northumberland Co., Pa., Nov. 18, 1833, and was educated in the public schools of his native township and in the Presbyterian Institute at Wyoming, Pa. He was reared on a farm, and purchased the homestead place, where he subsequently lived nine years. In 1863 he purchased a farm of 280 acres, whereon he lived until 1890, in which year he removed to his present home in Danville, Pa. Politically Mr. Vastine is a Republican, and he has served in various township offices and was for several terms a member of the Danville city council, of which body he was president. He is a member of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church, of which he has for years been an official. Fraternally he belongs to Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M. In 1855 Mr. Vastine married Mahala, daughter of Jacob Shultz, of Danville, and they had a family of six children: (1) Elizabeth died at the age of twenty-one years. (2) William is fully mentioned below. (3) Laura M. married Dr. John R. Kimmerer, M. D. They left three children, Jeffie, Helen (since deceased) and John, the survivors living with their grandfather, Amos Vastine. (4) Dr. John H. married Helen Beniscoter, and has children, Richard B., Robert and Josephine L. (5) Ella Kate, twin of John H., married Henry S. Mains and has one son, Charles Vastine. (6) Amos Beaber married Lulu F. McClure, and they have one daughter, Mary F.

WILLIAM VASTINE, a retired farmer residing in West Market street, Danville, Pa., through whose efforts and assistance much of the early history of the Vastine family here given was obtained, was born in Rush township, in Northumberland county, in 1859. He is the oldest son of Amos and Mahala (Shultz) Vastine. His early boyhood days were spent on his father's farm, the summers in tilling the soil and the winters in attending the native schools and later Danville Academy. After he reached the age of maturity he purchased a farm of some 320 acres of river valley land in Point township, Northumberland county, which he farmed for several years. Eventually he purchased a beautiful home on West Market street, Danville, and moved thither. There he has since

resided. Mr. Vastine was a successful farmer, and by close attention to his work, notwithstanding his farm is so large, has made it one of the best in the valley. Although he lives in town, he continues to give careful attention to his farm. He is a Republican, but very liberal minded politically, voting for whom he considers the best man. In religious faith he and his family are members of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church, at Danville, and earnest workers in that congregation.

Mr. Vastine married Elizabeth Boone Gearhart, daughter of Maybury Gearhart, and granddaughter of William and Sara (Boone) Gearhart, of Maybury township, Montour Co., Pa. They are the parents of two daughters: Catherine Gearhart and Elizabeth Boone, both of whom were educated in the Danville schools, graduating from the high school. Mrs. Vastine is a descendant of the Boone family, a record of which we here append.

George Boone lived in Exeter, England, and was the father of a son whom he also called George. George, Jr., was born in the city of Exeter, Devonshire, England, and when a young man learned the blacksmith's trade, following it until the time of his death, which occurred in his sixtieth year. He had married Sara Uppy, who survived him about twenty years, dying at the advanced age of eighty. They were the parents of a son George.

George Boone (3) was born at the village of Stoak, near the city of Exeter, in 1666. When a young man, as was the custom in that day, he learned a trade, selecting that of weaver. He married Mary Manbridge, who was born in 1669, daughter of John and Mary (Milton) Manbridge, and died in 1741, aged seventy-two years. George Boone (3) arrived with his family in Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 10, 1717. They spent some time in Abington, Pa., and then removed to North Wales, where they remained two years, thence removing to Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., where he purchased 400 acres of land, as the warrants, dated 1718, show, and settled upon it. The original Boone farm is now owned by Morris H. De Turk. Mr. Boone died July 27, 1744, aged seventy-eight years. He left surviving eight children, fifty-two grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, in all seventy descendants, all of whom excepting Sara and Squire remained and died in Exeter, as the record of the Friends' burying ground in Exeter shows.

We have the following record of the descendants of George (3) and Mary (Manbridge) Boone:

(1) George Boone (4), born July 13, 1690, died Nov. 23, 1753. He was by profession a teacher, for many years held the office of magistrate and was a man of prominence in the community. He married Debora Howell July 31, 1713; she died Jan. 26, 1757. Their children are mentioned below.

(2) Sara Boone, born Feb. 18, 1691 (?), married Jacob Stover and moved to Virginia, later to Kentucky.

(3) Squire Boone, born Nov. 25, 1696, died in 1764, in North Carolina, whither he had removed in 1750. He married Sara Morgan and they were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom lived to be from eighty-three to ninety-one years old, one of these being Daniel Boone, the Kentucky pioneer.

(4) Mary Boone, born Sept. 23, 1699, died Jan. 16, 1774. She married John Webb, and they were the parents of eleven children, one of whom, Samuel, removed to Columbia county and settled near Espy. His daughter Mary married Mordecai Lincoln, brother of Abraham and son of Mordecai Lincoln, who died in 1736.

(5) Joseph Boone, born April 5, 1704, died Jan. 30, 1776. His wife's name was Catherine.

(6) Benjamin Boone, born July 16, 1706, died Oct. 14, 1762. In 1726 he married (first) Ann Farmer, at Abington, and they were the parents of the following children: John; Susannah. There were evidently five children of Benjamin Boone's second marriage, Mary, Benjamin, James, Samuel (whose daughter Rachel married Hezekiah Pancoast) and Dianah (or Dinah). The last named married Benjamin Tallman, who was a son of William and Ann (Lincoln) Tallman, Benjamin being their only child to live to maturity and leave descendants. Ann Lincoln, his mother, was a sister of Sara Lincoln, who was the wife of William Boone. They were the daughters of Mordecai Lincoln, whose will was probated in June, 1736. The Tallmans removed to Virginia in 1780. William and Ann died in Virginia; Benjamin and Dinah settled in Ohio about 1805 or 1810. He died in 1820, and she in 1824.

(7) James Boone, born July 18, 1709, died Sept. 1, 1785. He married (first) Mary Foulke and (second) Ann Griffith, and his first wife was the mother of fourteen children. His son James was an astronomer and the writer of the Boone manuscript, from which records much of the Boone family history has been obtained. Ann, eldest child of James and Mary (Foulke), married Abraham Lincoln, the posthumous son of Mordecai Lincoln, who died in 1736. Mordecai Lincoln, son of this couple, married Julia Maybury, sister to Margaret Maybury, who was the wife of George, son of William and Sara Boone. Only one child of Mordecai and Julia (Maybury) Lincoln, Margaret, lived to maturity; she married a Mr. Barto.

To George (4) and Debora (Howell) Boone were born the following children: George (5), born May 3, 1714 (died Sept. 30, 1737); Mary, Feb. 10, 1716; Hannah, July 20, 1718; Debora, Dec. 18, 1720; Dinah, Oct. 18, 1722; William, Sept. 18, 1724 (died 1771); Josiah, June 6, 1726;

Jeremiah, Jan. 16, 1729; Abigail, Aug. 9, 1732; Hezekiah, March 22, 1734.

William Boone, son of George (4), married March 26, 1748, Sara Lincoln, who was born in January, 1727, and died April 21, 1810. Their union was blessed by the birth of the following children: Mordecai; William; Mary; George; Thomas; Jeremiah; Hezekiah, and Abigail. The first seven named, together with the mother, had certificates from the Exeter Meeting to the Fairfax Meeting in Virginia, under date of Oct. 30, 1776, and again a return certificate for the mother and Mary, William, George, Jeremiah and Hezekiah from Fairfax to Exeter Meeting. The will of William Boone, dated May 23, 1768, and probated Dec. 6, 1771, bequeathed as follows: To Abigail, wife of Adin Pancoast, 70 pounds; to repair Exeter burying ground; to Mary, 100 pounds at age of twenty years; to Mordecai, 50 pounds before division; the remainder of the estate to be divided equally among sons, and they to be put to trades.

We have the following record of the descendants of William and Sara (Lincoln) Boone: (1) Abigail married Adin Pancoast May 28, 1767. He died Dec. 12, 1822; she died March 14, 1808. Abigail had a certificate to Fairfax Meeting and another to return to Exeter, and a third from Exeter to Catawissa, June 28, 1797. In the last are named children as follows: William Pancoast, who married Vashti Cooper (their daughter married James Evans Lindsay and they were the parents of a son, William T. Lindsay); Mary Pancoast; and Hezekiah Pancoast, born June 8, 1789, who married Rachel Boone, March 26, 1814 (she was born May 30, 1789, a daughter of Samuel Boone, who died on the Fishing Creek in 1811). (2) Mordecai died in August, 1774, in Frederick county, Md., unmarried. (3) William married Susan Parks, of Reading, Pa., in 1778. She had a certificate to Pipe Creek Meeting dated 1782. Their descendants founded Boonsboro, Md. (4) Mary married Isaac Lee, at Exeter Meeting, May 8, 1777. (5) Thomas died in Amity township, Berks Co., Pa., Oct. 28, 1823. (6) Jeremiah. (7) Hezekiah married Hannah Hughs in Exeter township, daughter of George Hughs. Hezekiah died in Catawissa township, Columbia Co., Pa., and his will was probated April 5, 1827. The children of his first wife were: William and George, of Schuylkill county, Pa.; Martha, wife of Lewis Vastine; Ann, wife of J. Wolverton; and Newton, who died in Bloomsburg, Pa. By his second marriage he had children: Milton, who died at Pottsville, Pa.; Surriisa; Hannah; John; Judah (of Schuylkill county); Willette, who died in Bloomsburg, Pa.; Elizabeth, who died in Pottsville, Pa. (8) George (5) married Aug. 6, 1780, in Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., Margaret Maybury, daughter of Richard and Ann Lee, and

widow of William Maybury. She died April 21, 1825, aged sixty-five years. Their children were born as follows: Sara, May 10, 1782; William, Nov. 12, 1783; Ann, Aug. 21, 1785; Charles, Dec. 21, 1786; Mary, Oct. 18, 1788; George, Aug. 7, 1790 (died May 30, 1860); Elizabeth, Aug. 23, 1793; Harriet, Nov. 22, 1795; Margaret, May 25, 1798; Rachel, Feb. 5, 1801.

George Boone (6), son of George (5), married Hannah Hughs, born Feb. 9, 1794, died March 11, 1844. Children: Edward, born April 12, 1817; Ellis, Dec. 30, 1818; Margaret, Dec. 29, 1820; Thomas, Dec. 26, 1822; George, March 14, 1825.

Sara Boone, born May 10, 1782, married William Gearhart, and they were the parents of five children, as follows: Maybury, Julia Ann, Harriet, Eleanor and Amelia Douglas.

Maybury Gearhart married Margaret C. Nixon, and their union was blessed with seven children: (1) Sophia G. married Col. Charles W. Eckman. Children: Catherine G., Hester R. (married George Darby) and Elizabeth B. (superintendent of Bryn Mawr hospital). (2) William married Margaret Thompson. (3) Clarence F. married Malissa Burd. Children: Amelia H. and Magdaline (married Gustaf Peterson). (4) Amelia S. married Hon. H. M. Hinckley. Children: Sara G., John M. (married Mabel Key), Eleanor (married C. F. Zimmerman), Edna (deceased) and Elizabeth Shoop. (5) Elwood Sayn married Ella Creveling. Children: Mary Catherine, Helen Sophia, Marion and Eveline Regina. (6) Elizabeth Boone married William Vastine. Children: Catherine Gearhart and Elizabeth Boone. (7) George S. married Harriet G. Yetter. Children: William L. G.; Julia Ann, married to Samuel Harder (children, Arthur and Harriet Y.); Harriet, married to Lewis Yetter (son William G. Yetter); Eleanor, married to David Clark (daughter Cordelia is married to George Gearhart and has children Eleanor and Charles); and Amelia, married to G. M. Shoop (they have a son William G. Shoop).

HUGH H. VASTINE, third son of William and Elizabeth (Hursh) Vastine, was born July 22, 1838, in Northumberland county, and died Sept. 25, 1908. He was educated in the common schools of his native township, at Danville Academy, and at Greenwood Seminary, a Friends' institution at Milville, Pa. Upon attaining his majority he married Susan Mettler, daughter of Wilson and Anna E. (Gearhart) Mettler, and settled upon a farm of some three hundred acres, which he purchased and where he lived for some years, following farming. He then moved to Riverside, where he put up a fine brick house on what was once a part of the Gearhart farm, the pleasant home which his widow now occupies with her unmarried

son and daughter. The ground was originally taken up by Capt. Jacob Gearhart, Mrs. Vastine's maternal great-grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Vastine were the parents of three children: (1) Wilson M., born in Rush township, was educated in Danville Academy under Prof. Kelso; and at Bucknell University, located at Lewisburg, Pa., from which institution he graduated. Since the death of his father he has been engaged in overseeing his father's estate. (2) Elizabeth B., only daughter of Hugh H. and Susan M. Vastine, was also educated in the Danville Academy, at Danville, Pa., and Bucknell Seminary, at Lewisburg. She now lives with her mother at Riverside. (3) Hugh Spencer, second son of Hugh H. and Susan M. Vastine, was born in Rush township, educated in the Danville (Pa.) high school and Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pa., and now follows farming. He married Sarah P. Mettler, daughter of William H. and Julia (Kreigbaum) Mettler, and their union has been blessed by the birth of two daughters, Pauline and Rachel, and one son, Hugh H.

Mrs. Susan (Mettler) Vastine can trace her paternal ancestry to one William Mettler, whose father came from England and settled in Hunterdon county, N. J. He had five sons, viz.: Benjamin, Isaac, Philip, Henry and William. The last named married (first) Katy Hann and (second) Katy Brush, and there were born to him five sons and four daughters, viz.: Jonathan, Philip, Matthias (Tice), John, William, Mary (married William Taylor), Elizabeth (married Francis Apgar), Catherine (married Isaac Van Konk) and Sara (married Philip Sine).

William Mettler, son of William and Katy Mettler, was born Aug. 25, 1778, in Hunterdon county, N. J., and married Elizabeth Apgar, daughter of William and Katie (Pickle) Apgar. About 1790 he came to Northumberland county, Pa., and settled near Klinesgrove, in Rush township, upon lands recently owned by Harmon Savige. He first leased, paying money rent once a year to one George Sutton, agent, at Philadelphia, Pa., for the owner, who resided in England. Later, when the owner came to inspect the lands he purchased 318 acres and resided thereon to the time of his death, which occurred Oct. 11, 1848. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for nearly thirty years, and had held several prominent positions in the church, such as class leader, steward and trustee. He was of a charitable disposition, assisting not only his own church but other congregations, and he was ever ready to help the needy. He was a great Bible student, well versed in the Scriptures. Politically he was a Democrat, but took little interest in politics. For his time he had enjoyed good educational advantages, was a good mathematician, and fond of astronomy. Industrious, economical and prudent, he reared his large

family and left an unincumbered estate to his heirs.

His wife, as has been noted, was Elizabeth Apgar. This name was originally Ebger or Ebcher. The family came from the borders of Lombard, in Italy, to Philadelphia in 1749. The records show that Sept. 13, 1749, Johan Adam Ebger signed the oath of allegiance. He is said to have been one of two brothers who came to this country, the other going to Monmouth county, N. J. Johan Adam Ebger was the father of ten sons and one daughter, viz.: Herbert, Henry, Jacob, Peter, John, William (who settled near Clinton, Hunterdon Co., N. J.), Adam, Frederick, Conrad, George and Catherine.

William Apgar, of Clinton, N. J., born in 1752, died April 9, 1836. He married April 17, 1774, Catherine Pickle, daughter of Conrad Pickle, born in 1752, and died in 1831. To them were born five sons and seven daughters, viz.: Joanna Gertrude, born March 31, 1775; Hannah, March 3, 1776 (died young); Elizabeth, 1777 (died young); Nicholas P., June 29, 1779 (married Catherine Manning); James, Jan. 28, 1781 (died single); William, Oct. 29, 1782 (died young); Elizabeth (2), June 12, 1785 (married William Mettler); Sarah, twin of Elizabeth (2) (married Isaac Bloom); Catherine, Aug. 2, 1789 (died young); Nancy, July 12, 1792 (married Samuel Manning, son of Samuel); William (2), July 15, 1794 (died young); George, 1799 (married Elizabeth McPherson, of Brooklyn). Of these,

Mrs. Mettler died Feb. 17, 1876, at the ripe old age of nearly ninety-one years. She had been a member of the Methodist Church nearly sixty years. As was expressed by her minister, who wrote her obituary, "her house was the home of the weary itinerant, and a church in which to worship God." At the time of her death her descendants were fourteen children, sixty grandchildren, sixty-three great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren, a total of one hundred and forty-two. It is worthy of record that the resemblance between Elizabeth Apgar Mettler and her twin sister Sara Apgar Bloom was so marked that their closest friends were puzzled to know them apart. They were married the same day, by the same minister, one of them wearing a bit of ribbon to distinguish her from the other. Each was the mother of fourteen children, the last two of Mrs. Bloom's children being twins.

We have the following record of the seven sons and seven daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. William Mettler: (1) Nicholas, born June 18, 1803, died July 16, 1803. (2) Catherine, born Jan. 17, 1805, on Oct. 17, 1822, was married by Rev. John Rhodes to Robert Campbell. Their home was first at Snyderstown, Pa., and later on a farm near there. Their children who reached maturity were: William, John and Harry. Mrs. Campbell died at the

home of her son John, in Snyderstown, Dec. 6, 1881. (3) Hannah, born Nov. 27, 1806, on April 6, 1827, was married to William Price, of Clearfield county, Pa., where she resided until the time of her death, July 9, 1892. Their children who grew up were Elizabeth, William Lorenzo, Annie, Martha, George and Wesley. (4) Isaac B., born May 20, 1808, died Dec. 31, 1850, unmarried. (5) William, born Jan. 13, 1810, on Oct. 9, 1834, was married by Rev. Thomas Taunehill to Jane Kline. They first lived on a farm afterward the home and property of John F. Kline, then on a farm near the old Mettler homestead, and later went West and settled on a farm near Joliet, Ill., where he died Oct. 8, 1885. Their children who reached maturity were A. Brittian, Jasper, McKendree, William Henry, Keturah, Harriet Ann and Mary Eliza. (6) Sarah, born July 5, 1811, on Oct. 21, 1831, was married by Rev. Daniel Steele to Charles Gearhart, of Danville, Pa., and settled on a farm near Danville. She now makes her home with her sons Wesley, of Scranton, Pa., and Clark, of Lock Haven, Pa. Her children, who grew up, were Susan, William M., Wesley and Clark R. She married (second) Andrew Runyan. (7) Eleanor, born April 16, 1813, on Sept. 10, 1832, was married, by Rev. Josiah Forrest, to Philip Huff, and located on and afterward purchased the farm owned by Philip's grandfather. (8) George, born Oct. 12, 1814, died Oct. 9, 1824. (9) Nancy, born Sept. 8, 1817, on Dec. 17, 1835, was married by Rev. Oliver Ege to William Carr, of Sunbury, where they located and where she died June 18, 1892. She married for her second husband ex-Sheriff Daniel Buckley. Of the children born to her first marriage, the following grew up: William M., George, Bartley, Francis, Charles, Alfred and Edward. (10) Eliza, born Feb. 2, 1819, was married by Rev. Henry Dill, Jan. 3, 1839, to John F. Kline, and located on a farm near Klinesgrove, Pa., where they both died, the former Jan. 30, 1899. Their adult children were: Sara; Ellen; Martha; Ann; Henry M.; and Ida, Mrs. James Stoner. (11) Lorenzo, born March 27, 1821, was married May 31, 1842, by Rev. C. A. Hewitt, to Permella Wolverton. They first located in the old stone parsonage near home, then at Deiblers Station in Irish Valley, and later came to own a farm near Rushville, Pa., where he spent most of his life. He died March 17, 1889. His adult children were: Charles, William H. and Margaret. His second wife was Matilda Eckman, daughter of Jacob Eckman. (12) John, born Jan. 13, 1823, was married Jan. 8, 1846, by Rev. J. W. Haughwout, to Jerusha Kline. They located on the old farm at Union Corners and then for a time at Elysburg, Pa., where he purchased a farm on which he died May 22, 1889. They were the parents of but one child, Preston. (13) Susan, born Oct. 19, 1825, was married Jan. 9, 1844, by

Rev. Alem Brittian, to Isaac DeWitt Kline. They first farmed for Mr. Kline's father, then purchased a farm near Mettler's Church on which he died in 1861, a victim of the then prevailing typhoid fever scourge of Rush township. His widow died July 30, 1887. Their adult children were Delia, Ella and Garner. (14) Enoch, the youngest of the family, born July 25, 1827, was married Nov. 3, 1853, by Rev. Andrew Barr, to Mary Ann Robinson, and resided for a time on the old homestead. Later he went West with his brother William and located on a farm near Joliet, Ill. Returning East he located on a farm near the Mettler Church, and afterward came to Riverside and made his home with his son William. His adult children were William L. and Ambrose Apgar.

William H. Mettler, the only surviving son of Lorenzo and Permella (Wolverton) Mettler, was born in 1848 in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and was reared upon a farm and educated in the common schools. In 1874 he purchased a farm in Rush township. In 1873 he married Julia, daughter of Daniel Kreigbaum, and their union has been blessed with the following children: Lorenzo P. married Bertha Hartung; Elizabeth J. married Dallis G. Pensyl and has one son, J. Mettler; Willard K. married Carrie Pensyl and has one daughter, Beatrice; Sarah P. married Hugh Spencer Vastine; John D. married Verna Enterline; Rachel R. is unmarried; Charles Mark died when five months old.

Philip Mettler, son of William, married Susan Carter, and they were the parents of the following children: (1) William married Elizabeth Wolverton and had children, Irene Ann (deceased), Charles and Amzi. (2) Spencer married Rebecca Gearhart and had George, Susan and Jasper. (3) Charles married Miram Moore and had one child, Amy. (4) Wilson, born in 1813, died Oct. 8, 1900. He married Anna E., daughter of John and Ann (Cool) Gearhart, and their four children were: Sara E., who married Gobin Hoffman, and has a child Anna, Mrs. William G. Williams; Susan, who married Hugh H. Vastine; Spencer C., who married Amanda Brandon, and they were parents of Flora A. (Mrs. C. V. Amerman, who has one child, Ruth) and Spencer W. (died young); and Anna A., who lives with her sister, Mrs. Vastine. (5) Kate married David Rockefeller and had two sons, William M., an ex-judge, and Jordan. (6) Sarah married Isaac Kase, and her children were Ellen, Catherine, Henrietta and Mettler. (7) Theodosia married John Eckman and had children, Philip (who married Harriet Conrad and had a daughter Esther) and Mary (unmarried). (8) Carter married Mary Haughwout and had children, Laura, Alice, Susan C., Philip, Wilson and Jennie. (9) Jonathan married Bulah Hoffman and had Annie and Elizabeth.

Mrs. Susan M. Vastine traces her maternal an-

cestry to Capt. Jacob Gearhart, who was born in Strasburg, then in France, now in Germany, in 1735, and in 1754 came to America and took up his residence in Hunterdon county, N. J. He married Catherine Kline. They were the parents of the following children: Herman, Jacob, George, William, John, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Mary, Kate, Charles and Isaac.

John Gearhart, fifth son of Capt. Jacob Gearhart, married Ann Cool, of New Jersey, and in 1790 removed with his parents to what is now Riverside, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. John Gearhart were the parents of: Anna E., Jacob, Tunis, William, John, Sara, Catherine and Elizabeth.

Anna E., daughter of John Gearhart, married Wilson Mettler, and they were the parents of Mrs. Susan Mettler Vastine.

In her beautiful home at Riverside, surrounded by her children and grandchildren, Mrs. Vastine and her sister, Miss Anna A. Mettler, live in plenty and comfort. Hers is a model Christian household, characterized by charity and hospitality. She and her family belong to the Presbyterian Church, with which Mrs. Vastine united when a girl in her teens, and she has ever since been a faithful member.

DEPPEN. The Deppen family of Northumberland county to which George Edward Deppen, lawyer of Sunbury, belongs is descended from John Deppen, of Berks county, Pennsylvania.

(I) John Deppen had children as follows: David, of Berks county; Peter, of Berks county, whose children were Alexander, William, Isaac, George, Andrew, Catherine, Lizzie and Rebecca; Christian, whose children were John (by first marriage), Washington, Harriet and Elizabeth (by second marriage); William, great-grandfather of George Edward Deppen; Henry, whose children were Gabriel and two daughters; and George, whose children were William (father of G. W. Deppen), John, Isaac, a daughter whose name is not given, Catherine and Elizabeth.

(II) William Deppen, son of John, was born in 1782 in Berks county. He married a Miss Maurer, and they were the parents of ten children, namely: Mrs. George Snyder (born in 1811), Abram, Isaac, David (died unmarried), Alexander, William, Mrs. Witmer, Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Bower and John.

(III) Abram Deppen, born in 1812, died in 1899. He was a sawyer and farmer by occupation, and cleared the first five acres of the present site of Shamokin. Later he removed to Locust Gap, where he followed farming. After his marriage he lived in the house which Pat Hester subsequently occupied, and there his son George was born. He then moved to what was called the Deppen plantation, his father's farm, and later purchased a part of the White Island, near Hern-

don, finally removing to Herndon, where he died. He accumulated considerable property during the course of his industrious life.

In 1833 Mr. Deppen married Mary Snyder, who died in 1868. They had four children: Louisa, born in 1834, who married Dr. R. H. Muth; George, born in 1836; Joseph, born Dec. 2, 1837, now of Mount Carmel; and Alexander, born in 1839.

(IV) George Deppen, born in 1836, spent his early life upon the farm. In 1867 he moved to Herndon and began the grain, flour and feed business, which he still carries on. During the Civil war he served as postmaster at that place, and for thirty years, with but one intermission, he served continuously as justice of the peace. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife, Mary (Mertz), born in 1847, died in 1898. They had the following children: Lizzie, born in 1870, who married H. E. Snyder; Laura, who married H. E. Engle; George Edward, born in 1873; and Harry C. (born in 1874), Charles P., Sue, Carrie, John E., Nettie, Raymond and Abram Earl, at home.

(V) **GEORGE EDWARD DEPPEN** received his primary education in the local schools, and later attended the academy at Freeburg, Snyder county, for three years. In 1890 he entered Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pa., and in 1893 became a student at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., from which institution he was graduated, in the classical course, in June, 1894. He then took up the study of law with H. S. Knight, of Sunbury, and was admitted to the bar May 3, 1897, the same year opening his office in Sunbury, where he has since devoted himself to the practice of his profession. He is connected with various social bodies at Sunbury, belonging to the Temple Club, to Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Mt. Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T. He is a member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, having served as regimental sergeant major, battalion adjutant, and being at present inspector of small arms practice of his regiment with the rank of captain. He takes an active part in local politics as a member of the Democratic party, and is a member of the Reformed Church, in which he is active in the Laymen's Missionary movement.

On April 17, 1901, Mr. Deppen married Laura Koons, of Collegeville, Pa. They have had one daughter, who is deceased.

EDMUND W. SAMUEL, M. D., of Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa., physician and druggist of long standing at that place, representative of the Sixteenth Congressional district for one term, and a leader in founding and conducting several of the most progressive business enterprises which have assisted in the opening up and

development of this section, was born Nov. 27, 1857, at Blanavon, England, son of Edmund and Mary (Bower) Samuel.

Edmund Samuel brought his family to America in 1860 and first located at Scranton, Pa. In 1861 they removed to Schuylkill county, in 1863 settling at Ashland, that county, where they resided continuously until 1872. They then lived in different parts of the county until 1886, when they returned to Ashland and there made a permanent home. Mr. Samuel was a well known man in his day in mining circles, having been superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company for the long period of fifteen years, and in 1889 he was a member of the State board of mining examiners. His family consisted of seven children, three sons and four daughters: Edmund W.; Lizzie, Mrs. Samuel McConnell; Thomas P.; William C.; Mellie; Emma, and Gertrude.

Edmund W. Samuel received a thorough preparatory education, having the privilege of four years under private instructors as well as the benefits of the public schools. He began to learn the drug business in 1874, when he entered the drug store of J. H. Pritchard & Co., at Ashland, and meantime also pursued the study of medicine with Dr. William R. Owens, of that place. In October, 1878, he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated March 13, 1880, the following month commencing practice in Ashland. He remained there only until November, however, when he came to Mount Carmel, which has since been his field of practice. In 1887 he became a member of the drug firm of Dr. E. S. Heiser & Co., this association lasting until July 25, 1889, when he purchased Dr. Heiser's interest, becoming sole proprietor of the business. His establishment is one of the leading drug stores in the borough, or anywhere in this section, and his high personal character is reflected in the management and standing of the business.

Besides making a success of his professional work and drug business Dr. Samuel has interested himself in local affairs to an unusual extent for one of his calling. Few men have had better opportunities to acquire an insight into the greatest needs of the community, and few would have possessed the energy to try to put so many different plans into successful operation. In 1907 he was elected president of the Shamokin & Mount Carmel Transit Company, and he is also president and general manager of the Mount Carmel & Locust Gap Trolley Company, chartered Dec. 6, 1908, which in 1909 built the road from Bear Dale to Locust Gap, about two miles long. J. G. McConnell is vice-president of the latter company, R. D. Heatton, secretary, and William J. Kiefer, treasurer. Dr. Samuel is a director of the Union National Bank of Mount Carmel and of the People's Build-

ing & Loan Association of Mount Carmel; president of the Hazleton Heights Land Company; president of the Penn Bond & Mortgage Company, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and president of the Samuel Realty Company, also of Brooklyn, N. Y. He has shown great executive skill in the management of the various interests he has acquired, to all of which he gives his personal attention.

Dr. Samuel has long been an ardent Republican, and as such he was elected to Congress in 1904 as representative from the Sixteenth District, embracing Northumberland, Montour, Columbia and Sullivan counties. He has always been particularly interested in the cause of public education, and has served as a member of the local school board.

On April 28, 1886, Dr. Samuel married Alice Kiefer, daughter of William and Deborah Kiefer, of Mount Carmel, and they have had four children, all sons: Frank J., who is now engaged in clerking for his father; E. Roger, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1913; E. Willard, who is in the class of 1911 at the Mount Carmel high school; and E. Walter, who is at school.

The Doctor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has various fraternal connections, belonging to the I. O. O. F., the K. of M., the Royal Arcanum and the Masons—Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M.; the Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a member of the Schuylkill County Medical Society and of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society.

SHADE. The name Shade is well represented in business circles in Shamokin, where the brothers Daniel E., Jacob M. and Richard A. Shade, sons of the late Andrew Shade, are established in various lines, identified with local activities and well known in Masonic organizations.

Andrew Shade, great-grandfather of these three brothers, was a native of Berks county, Pa. He was the first of the family in Schuylkill county, settling near what is now Fearnot, where he purchased a tract of land which he at once began to clear. He remained here all his active life and died upon his farm. His son John became owner of the homestead, but it is now in the possession of Reuben H. Shade, uncle of Daniel, Jacob and Richard.

John Shade, son of Andrew, moved with his father by team from Berks county, Pa., to Schuylkill county, settling near Klingerstown. He purchased a tract of land containing two hundred acres, on which he farmed, and he became a well known man in his district. He died at the age of sixty-five years, and is buried at Klinger's Church, as is also his wife, Hannah (Hoffa). They had children: Elizabeth; Andrew; Jacob, who was killed while serving in the Civil war;

Emanuel; Katie; Abraham; Polly; Louisa, who married John Lants and lives near Seven Points, Northumberland county; and Reuben H., who now owns the old homestead near Fearnot.

Andrew Shade was born in Schuylkill county. When a young man he learned tanning, which trade he followed successfully for several years, having a tannery about four miles from Tremont, Schuylkill county. Selling out he moved to Snyder county, Pa., where he purchased a farm near Freeburg on which he remained for some time, in 1870 removing to Shamokin, where he remained about four years. His last days were spent in Schuylkill county, where he died in 1895, at the age of sixty-four, and was buried at the Methodist Church near his home. He married Caroline Stein, of that county, who died at Shamokin. They were the parents of the following children: Hannah married John Shoup and they live in Missouri; John is living in Kansas; Jacob M. is mentioned below; Savilla died young; Daniel E. is mentioned below; Alice married Emanuel Long, a merchant of Shamokin; Mary married Daniel Snyder of Shamokin; and Richard A. is mentioned below.

JACOB M. SHADE was born in 1856 near Hegins, Schuylkill county, and received his education in the public schools. In common with many boys of this region he began work at the mines at Shamokin, but he eventually went to a trade, learning the carriage-making business, which he followed, being employed at different places, until 1892. He spent some time at Renovo, Clinton county, whence he came to Shamokin, on Jan. 2, 1892, establishing the store at No. 509 North Second street which he has since conducted. He carries a comprehensive line of groceries, notions, shoes, etc., and is well known in his section of the borough as one of its most progressive business men. He has built up an excellent trade by the most honorable methods, and is one of the most esteemed citizens of Shamokin. His attention has been given chiefly to the care of his business interests, but he has served as a member of the school board from his ward, the Tenth, for seven years. In politics he is a Republican, and in fraternal connection a member of Renovo Lodge, No. 495, F. & A. M., and of the Temple Club of Shamokin.

Mr. Shade was married three times, (first) Dec. 18, 1877, to Emma Malick, daughter of Daniel Malick, of Seven Points, Pa.; she died Nov. 12, 1880. They had one daughter who died in infancy. He married (second) Mary Rhoads, daughter of Daniel Rhoads of Elysburg, Pa., and she died Dec. 18, 1881. They had one son Charles, who assists his father. He married (third) Feb. 16, 1883, Annie C. Gray, daughter of John and Rachel (Fox) Gray, of Paxinos, Pa., and to this marriage came one son Clarence, who died aged thirteen years.

DANIEL E. SHADE was born in 1857 near Tremont, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and received his education in the public schools. For nineteen years after he began to earn his own living he was engaged at the mines, being employed at the Cameron colliery. He then embarked in the mercantile business, for many years occupying the location at Third and Spruce streets where his brother-in-law, Emanuel Long, is now doing business, and in connection with his lines of general merchandise he dealt in oils. This specialty in time attained such proportions and offered such good prospects that he gave up his original business and devoted himself exclusively to the oil trade, which he has ever since continued. He is manager of what is known as the Merchants Oil Company, with offices in the Market Street National Bank building, Shamokin, and handles a large wholesale business which has not yet by any means reached the limit of expansion. His partners in this concern are Martin and Charles Jameson, of Warren, Pa., and these two young men are associated with W. B. Stewart as proprietors of the Warren Refining Company, of Warren, Pa., which furnishes the product disposed of by the Merchants Oil Company. Mr. Shade has developed the business by the exercise of ability and good judgment, which he possesses to an unusual degree, and his success has placed him among the most enterprising men of Shamokin. His personal and social standing is equally good. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; in Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M., of which he is a past high priest; in Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T., of which he is a past eminent commander; in Williamsport Lodge of Perfection (fourteenth degree); Williamsport Consistory (thirty-second degree); and in Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, Pa. He is a Republican in politics and has held the office of school director, serving from the Sixth ward. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Shade married Sept. 20, 1876, Frances Ross, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Kerrey) Ross, of Jersey Shore, Pa., and six children have been born to this union: Minnie married Claude Morgan and they live in Pittsburg; Gertrude married Ray Kellerman and they live in Mount Carmel; Edith is bookkeeper for her father; George is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy; Mabel and Frances are at home.

RICHARD A. SHADE was born July 21, 1871, at Shamokin. He attended public school and was reared to farming on his uncle's farm in Dauphin township, Schuylkill county, continuing to follow this occupation until he reached the age of twenty-one years. In the meantime, however, he had learned harnessmaking, at which he began to work when seventeen, continuing it in connection

with agricultural work. After reaching his majority he gave all his time to his trade, and in 1894, returning to Shamokin, established himself in business in that line at No. 15 South Market street. He has all the latest conveniences for carrying on harnessmaking, and his work is first class and in large demand, his trade being extensive and profitable. His trade is as good as the best in the borough, where he is regarded as a substantial and desirable citizen, one who holds the respect of all who know him. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; and Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree. In religious connection he is a member of the Evangelical Church.

Mr. Shade's first marriage was to Mamie Wolfgang, who died April 6, 1891, the mother of two children: Allen, who is at home; and Normand, who died young. On April 9, 1895, Mr. Shade married (second) Miss Ida Straub, daughter of Elias and Mary (Walborn) Straub, and to this union have been born five children: Clyde L., James A., Edna M., Richard W. and Leona D.

DUNKELBERGER. The Dunkelberger family is an old settled and numerous represented family of Northumberland county, and allied by marriage with many other of the foremost families of this region. The name itself, according to tradition, originated from Dunkel Berg, a spur of the Black Forest, in Germany. Little is known of the Dunkelbergers before the time of the Reformation. During that period they espoused the cause of the Reformers, and their descendants to the present day have continued to adhere to Protestant denominations. Up to the time of their emigration to the New World they were industrious and patriotic citizens of what is now the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, in lower Germany, but being deprived there of their religious liberty they turned to America, coming hither in 1728 by way of the Rheinfels, down the Rhine to Holland, whence they sailed in the English ship "Morehouse," landing at Philadelphia Aug. 28, 1728. They proceeded at once to what is now Berks county, Pa., locating in Windsor township, a little southeast of what is now the borough of Hamburg. They were frequently molested by the Indians. These emigrants were Clement, Daniel and John Dunkelberger. Clement, who was the ancestor of the others (the name of his son Daniel, however, does not appear in his will), at once paid taxes to the English Crown. "Clementz Doncleberger" is on the first list of taxables of Windsor township (1754). He paid six pounds tax in 1754. At the time of his death, in 1782, his home was in Windsor township. His will, made Feb. 12, 1776, was probated April 8, 1782, and is on record in Will Book B, page 38. At the time

the will was made his wife Anna Maria was still living. Their children were (no record of Daniel): Clemens, who obtained the plantation; Catharine, married to Andrew Winiger; Mrs. John Beck; John; Frederick; Christopher; Elizabeth, married to Michael Deck; Philip; Sevila; Magdalena, and Dorothea.

John Dunkelberger, grandson of Clement, was born in Windsor township, near Hamburg, in 1746. He married there and had two sons by that marriage, in 1780 (at which time he was a widower) moving with his son George to the northern part of the Mahanoy Valley, in Northumberland county—that part of Mahanoy now embraced in Little Mahanoy township. He received from the State a warrant for more than two hundred acres of land, located north of Line Mountain and between that and Mahanoy creek. The Indians were his neighbors and were friendly to him, but during the terrible Indian disturbances his family on several occasions had to flee for safety. There he built a stone gristmill and stone dwelling house. In 1814 he is credited with a grist and saw mill on Mahanoy creek, which mill is said to have been the first in that section. He built the mill several years after locating in that district. On the John Dunkelberger homestead still stands a large stone house, 45 by 35 feet in dimensions, and two and a half stories high, which was built in 1818, the year in which this pioneer died. Large, well-selected stones were used in its construction and the wall is exceptionally strong.

After settling here John Dunkelberger married again and had two sons by his second wife, Solomon and Jonathan, from whom most of the Dunkelbergers are descended. These pioneers are buried on their own farm, on an elevation below a piece of pine woods, about fifty feet northeast from a public road. Their graves are marked by marble tombstones, inscribed as follows:

Hier ruhet
Johanes Dunkelberger
Gabo. den 28 Sept.
1745
Storb den 27 Novem
1818
Alt 73 Jahr 2 mo
1 Tag
Text I Buch Moses
48 Capitel 21 V.

Hier ruhen die
gebine von Elizabeth
Dunkelberger war
Eine geborne Kahwel
war geboren den 20ten
Marz, 1761, und starb
den 3ten September, 1827
1st alt worden 66
Yahr 5 monat und
12 tag. Text Heob.
17, Capitel den 11, ver. 5.

John (Johannes) Dunkelberger, known as "Little Johnny," one of the sons of John by his first marriage, was born in Berks county Sept. 14, 1775. He died May 17, 1835, and was buried in the Howerter cemetery in Upper Mahanoy township. He was a farmer and like his brother George settled in Mahantango Valley, in Mahanoy (now Lower Mahanoy) township, Northumberland county. He married Susanna Zimmerman, born in April, 1785, who died Jan. 19, 1860, and their children were: Daniel (settled in Mahantango Valley), Catharine (Mrs. Knerr), George, John, Joseph, Magdaline, Susanna (married Abraham Howerter), Solomon and Elizabeth (Mrs. Klock). George is fully mentioned below. John, who married Christiana Geist, is fully mentioned elsewhere in this work. Joseph, who married Rachel Federolf, is also mentioned at length elsewhere. Solomon, born in 1821, died in 1892, at Shamokin. He followed the tailor's trade. He married Elizabeth Wagner, born Feb. 17, 1823, died April 6, 1861, and they had five children, William, Jeremiah, Edmund, Ellen and Franklin. John Dunkelberger, the father, died May 17, 1835, in territory now embraced in Lower Mahanoy township. He had a tract of twenty-four acres of land when he died. His will, made May 5, 1835, on record in Will Book III, page 200, was probated June 12, 1835. It was witnessed by George Haas and H. F. Heintzleman, and he names "my friends" Pete Fetterolf and John Maurer, Sr., as executors.

George Dunkelberger, son of John, was born March 10, 1810, in the Mahantango Valley, and was a lifelong farmer. Moving to what was then Shamokin (now Rockefeller) township, he settled near Seven Points, where he bought a farm of 160 acres on which he spent the remainder of his life, dying there Jan. 6, 1884. He is buried at Seven Points. His wife, Catharine Rebuck, daughter of John, was born in 1816, and died Oct. 1, 1895. They had children as follows: Susan, who is in Oklahoma; Jonathan, deceased; George, living in Michigan; Catharine, of Sunbury; Elizabeth, of Shamokin; Tobias; Mary, living at Sunbury; Henry W.; and Harriet, living in Sunbury.

TOBIAS DUNKELBERGER, son of George, is a well known farmer of Shamokin township, where he was born, near Seven Points, Dec. 4, 1851. He attended the local schools and remained with his father until he reached the age of nineteen years, after which he was associated with his brother Jonathan for five years, engaged in butchering. He then spent two years upon the homestead again, after which he went to Shamokin and entered the milk business, in which he continued four years. He then bought the old Wilkinson homestead of seventy-six acres in Shamokin township, to which he added until he now has two hundred acres in the one tract, as well as another farm of 145 acres in the same township. In addition to general farm-

ing he makes a specialty of dairying. Mr. Dunkelberger is a progressive man and has taken considerable interest and part in various affairs affecting the welfare of the community, was postmaster at Yordy for about five years, until the office was discontinued upon the establishment of the rural free delivery, and is a director in two telephone companies. He is a member of the M. E. Church, in which he has likewise been active, serving upon the building committee when the new church was erected, in 1905. He has always been liberal in his support of religious work and enterprises. Fraternally he is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., Bloomsburg Lodge of Perfection and Bloomsburg Consistory.

Mr. Dunkelberger married Martha Chamberlin, daughter of Isaac Chamberlin, and they have six children: Alverta M., wife of D. A. Beck; Mary C., wife of Harry Robinson; George A.; Susan G., wife of H. L. Beck; Herbert H.; and L. Anabel, who graduated from the Bloomsburg State normal school in 1910.

GEORGE A. DUNKELBERGER, son of Tobias, was born July 18, 1882, in Shamokin, and was quite young when his parents settled at the home in Shamokin township where he was reared. He attended the local schools, and later was a student for two years at the Millersville State normal school, in Lancaster county. Returning home he assisted his father until his marriage, after which he lived for two years upon the farm at Seven Points owned by his father. In 1908 he bought the old Swank farm, near the upper M. E. Church, where he follows agricultural pursuits, also carrying on a daily milk business, his route being to Trevorton. He is a director of the Irish Valley & Seven Points Telephone Company. Mr. Dunkelberger is an estimable young man, an active member of and worker in the Methodist Church, where he has served as president of the Epworth League and superintendent of the Junior League.

In 1905 Mr. Dunkelberger married Hannah R. Sober, daughter of Isaac and Abigail (Furman) Sober, and they have three children: Verna May, Oscar Wallace and Tobias Henry.

The Sober family came to America from Germany, and Samuel Sober, Sr., the founder of the family in this section, was a native of New Jersey. He came thence to Pennsylvania, settling in Shamokin township shortly after the close of the Revolutionary war, and purchased a tract of land containing about seven hundred acres, where the Sober brothers at one time resided. His wife, who maiden name was Moore, was a resident of Shamokin township, and their children were as follows: John; Michael M., born March 12, 1801, who died Nov. 26, 1870 (his wife, Maria, died Sept. 2, 1863, aged fifty-two years); Susan, who married Morris Smith; Alexander; Isaac, born in

1814, who died in 1882 (his wife Mary, born in 1817, died in 1896); and Aaron. Samuel Sober, the father of this family, died about 1820.

Alexander Sober, son of Samuel, Sr., was born in 1807 on the homestead in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, was a farmer throughout life, and inherited a portion of the homestead farm, living and dying in Shamokin township. His death occurred in December, 1869. His wife, Mary Foy, also born in 1807 (probably in Rockefeller township), survived him many years, continuing to live in her native place until her death, in 1895. Mr. Sober was a quiet and industrious citizen and farmer, highly esteemed by his neighbors. Twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, were born to him and his worthy wife, namely: Samuel, who is deceased; Beulah, deceased; Uriah, living in Shamokin; Morris; Aaron; William A., deceased; Isaac; Salathiel, deceased; Alexander Jordan, deceased; Mary A., who married Frank Hummel; Susanna, who married Jared Neidig; and Joseph, living in Sunbury.

Isaac Sober, son of Alexander, born Nov. 28, 1837, followed farming and threshing throughout his active years. He resides in Shamokin township. By his marriage to Abigail Furman the following children were born: Lillie B. married Charles Schrader; Florence A. married Grant Smith; Mary R. and Susan E. died young; Amos V. is living in California; John F. lives at home; George R. is a resident of Sunbury; Atwood lives in Baltimore; Katie L. married Harvey Wynn; Alvin A. lives in Iowa; Hannah R. married George A. Dunkelberger.

Daniel Furman, grandfather of Mrs. Isaac Sober, lived in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and followed farming. He married Rebecca Moore, and they had the following children: Moore, who was drowned; Annie, who married Bevy Taylor and (second) George Campbell; Lovina, who married Christ Yordy; Rachel, who married Peter Kreiger; Abigail, who died young; William, who died in Shamokin township; John, and Samuel, who died in Shamokin township.

John Furman, son of Daniel, followed farming, and died in Shamokin township. He married Ann H. Riche, daughter of Moses Riche, and they had the following children: Moore, M. Riche, Rebecca, Catharine, Hannah, Abigail (Mrs. Isaac Sober) and Elizabeth J.

HENRY W. DUNKELBERGER, son of George and Catharine (Rebuck) Dunkelberger, was born on his present farm in Shamokin township Feb. 25, 1856. He obtained his education in the public schools and was engaged with his father on the farm until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he went to Michigan. After farming in that State for eighteen months he returned to his old home and learned the trade of butcher at Locust Dale, following this business for three years; it

was during the time the "Molly Maguires" made times so exciting in that section. He was next engaged in farming on the old homestead for his father for some time, and he subsequently located at Weigh Scales, where he farmed for ten years. On April 15, 1890, he bought the old homestead, ninety-six acres of good land, which formerly belonged to Benneville Keim, of Reading, Pa. He is now successfully engaged in farming and trucking. Mr. Dunkelberger has attended the Shamokin markets since 1871, and is as thoroughly familiar with the marketing of produce as with its cultivation. He is an industrious, respected citizen, and has served as overseer of the poor in his district for the past twenty-three years. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the United Evangelical Church, has been a member of the P. O. S. of A. since 1878, and also belongs to the Brotherhood of America.

Mr. Dunkelberger married Elizabeth Reed, daughter of Amos Reed, and they have had a family of eight children, namely: Mabel, who married Webster Lot and has one son, Fain; Charles, a resident of Shamokin, who married Susan Behrent and has four children, Adelina, Carl, Mabel and Emanuel; Howard, of Snyderstown, who married Mary Hawk; Viola; Emma; Charlotte; Arthula, and Leon.

Amos Reed, father of Mrs. Henry W. Dunkelberger, was born Jan. 10, 1820, in Little Mahanoy township, son of Leonard and Elizabeth (Dunkelberger) Reed. His father, who was a native of Berks county, Pa., came to Northumberland county with his parents at an early period, the family settling along Plum creek, in what is now Rockefeller township. Leonard Reed was a mason by trade. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. Of his six children, we have record of three: Solomon, Elizabeth (wife of Abraham Shaeffer) and Amos. In 1846 Amos Reed married Rebecca Fagely, daughter of Jonathan Fagely, and she died in 1852, the mother of three children: Emanuel, of Iowa; Mary, wife of Newton Furman, of Williamsport, and Maggie, wife of Andrew Wilson, of Rockefeller township. Mr. Reed's second marriage was to Sarah Swinehart, by whom he had six children: Elizabeth, Mrs. Henry W. Dunkelberger; Harriet, wife of Luther Ellis, of Washington, D. C.; Charlotte, of Nebraska; Jemima, wife of Henry Miller, of Rockefeller township; Coleman, of Iowa, and Ira, of Idaho. For his third wife Mr. Reed married Susanna Trion, widow of Abraham Reitz. Mr. Reed died in 1889 and is buried at the Wolf's Cross Road church. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, which he served as elder and deacon, and in politics he was a Republican.

WILLIAM G. SHOOP, of Danville, Pa., one of the leading business men of that place and of the surrounding territory, was born in Danville, only

son of Gideon M. and Amelia (Gearhart) Shoop, the former of whom was for years one of the foremost citizens of this part of Pennsylvania.

George Shoop, grandfather of William G. Shoop, was born Jan. 1, 1783, in Cumberland county, Pa., son of John Shoop. He married Elizabeth Cockley, who was born in Dauphin county April 30, 1783, and she died July 21, 1832, in Sunbury, Pa., Mr. Shoop surviving until June 21, 1849. They were the parents of seven children, born as follows: Mary Ann, Aug. 30, 1804 (born in Cumberland county); John, Sept. 10, 1807 (born in Sunbury); Amelia, March 30, 1810 (born in Sunbury); George, Jr., June 14, 1813; Jeremiah, Oct. 1, 1815 (died April 19, 1847); Sarah, Aug. 24, 1818 (died Oct. 26, 1818); Gideon M., Jan. 23, 1821.

Gideon M. Shoop attended public school at Sunbury until thirteen years of age, when he went to Franklin county, Pa., to learn the art of making French buhr millstones, at which he was employed for two years. When fifteen he went to Cumberland county, where he followed his trade for some time, until ready to establish himself in business. In 1841 he came to Danville as collecting agent for several stage lines, and in that capacity performed the duty of sorting and distributing the mail. In 1846 he rented the "Brady Hotel," which he repaired and improved, added another story and changed the name to the "Montour House," by which name it is still known. After eighteen months in the hotel business he sold out and went into the mercantile business, in which he was engaged for several years. On April 11, 1849, he was appointed postmaster of Danville, serving as such until Nov. 26, 1852. In 1850, when Montour county was formed out of Columbia, Mr. Shoop and Dr. Frick were the prime movers in the formation of the new county, and instrumental in its erection. For over thirty years he served as a director of the Danville National Bank, and he was influential in the promotion of various industries in Danville, was a director of the Danville Nail & Manufacturing Company, of the Danville Bridge Company, and of a number of similar concerns. Mr. Shoop became interested in the lumber business as opportunity offered, purchasing several tracts of timberland in Montour and adjoining counties, cutting the timber and building a number of sawmills in which to prepare the lumber for market. When wood grew scarce in his own locality he turned his attention to the South, where he acquired large interests. This was his last business. One of Mr. Shoop's pet enterprises was the Danville high school, of which he was one of the foremost advocates from the time the project was first broached. If there was one of his achievements which he valued above others it was undoubtedly what he accomplished in this direction. For fourteen years previous to his death he was a

trustee of the hospital for the care of the insane at Danville. In political sentiment he was a staunch Republican, and influential in his locality, but not an office seeker; socially he was identified with Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., and with the Royal Arch chapter. He was a prominent member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, which he served faithfully as president of the board of trustees, steward and teacher in the Sunday school, and his interest extended to the denomination at large. In 1880 he was elected a lay delegate to the Central Pennsylvania Conference, and the same year was elected by the Conference to the General Conference which met at Cincinnati, Ohio. His death occurred March 20, 1909.

On Dec. 2, 1846, Mr. Shoop married Amelia Gearhart, daughter of William and Sarah (Boone) Gearhart, both members of prominent old families of this region more particularly mentioned later in this article, and to them were born four children: Clarence and Jeremiah, twins, who died in infancy; William G., and George, who died at the age of five years. Mrs. Shoop died Oct. 17, 1896.

William G. Shoop, son of Gideon M. and Amelia (Gearhart) Shoop, was given educational advantages in his youth, and upon commencing the earnest business of life became associated with his father. He has continued the sawmill successfully to the present time, maintaining the high reputation established by his father in a long and prosperous career. He has worthily worn a name which has been identified with the most progressive interests of this portion of the State for many years, and has managed all his interests with an ability which entitles him to rank among the most substantial men of the vicinity.

On Dec. 2, 1906, Mr. Shoop married Mary Emma Robertson, of Galesburg, Ill., daughter of John and Mary (Wallace) Robertson, formerly of Cumberland county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Shoop reside in the beautiful stone mansion at the corner of East Market and Ferry streets, Danville. They attend the Presbyterian Church.

William Gearhart, grandfather of Mrs. Gideon M. Shoop, came to Northumberland county, Pa., in 1790 with his brother Capt. Jacob Gearhart. William taking up the land between Kipp's run and the stream that enters the river above Riverside. Both had married in New Jersey, from which State they moved to this region, William (probably the elder) marrying Eleanor De Knight. They were the parents of seven children: William, Tobias, Aaron, Jacob, Elizabeth (Mrs. Amens), Mary (Mrs. Lamberson) and Ann (Mrs. Amens).

William Gearhart, son of William and Eleanor Gearhart, died in 1847. He married Sarah Boone, and they had five children, born as follows: Mayberry, in 1813; Eleanor, in 1814; Harriet, in 1815; Julia Ann, in 1818; Amelia, in 1821.

The Boones, Mrs. Gideon M. Shoop's maternal ancestors, descended from George Boone (1), who lived in England. His son, George (2), was born in the city of Exeter, Devonshire, England, and died at the age of sixty years. By trade he was a blacksmith. He married Sarah Uppey, who lived to the age of eighty, and to their union was born George Boone (3), whose birth occurred in 1666 at the village of Stoak, near Exeter. He married Mary Manbridge, who was born in 1669, daughter of John and Mary (Milton) Manbridge, and died in 1740, in her seventy-second year. George Boone (3) and his wife arrived in Philadelphia Oct. 10, 1717, spent some time at Abington, Pa., then two years at North Wales, eventually moving to Oley township, Berks county, where they settled. Warrants for 400 acres of land there issued to him, dated 1718, are on record. The original homestead is now owned by Morris DeTurk. This George Boone died in Berks county July 27, 1747. He left eight children, fifty-two grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren, all of whom excepting Sarah and Squire remained and died in Exeter township, Berks county, as the records of the Exeter Friends burying ground show. We have the following record of the children born to George Boone (3) and his wife Mary (Manbridge): (1) George (4), born July 13, 1690, died Nov. 20, 1753. He was a teacher by profession, served as magistrate, and was a man of great prominence in the community. On July 31, 1713, he married Deborah Howell, who died Jan. 26, 1757. (2) Sarah, born Feb. 18, 1691(?), married Jacob Stover. They moved to Virginia and later to Kentucky. (3) Squire, born Nov. 25, 1696, died in 1764 in North Carolina, whither he moved in 1750. About 1745 he erected what was then the largest barn in Berks county, a stone structure which remained standing until 1875, when it was torn down by Mr. DeTurk, who needed a larger building. The masonry was found to be perfect, and the walls had to be blasted to pieces in spite of the fact that they had stood for over one hundred and thirty years. In 1750 Mr. Boone sold his farm to Mr. DeTurk, and it has since remained in the latter's family. Squire Boone married Sarah Morgan, an aunt of Gen. Daniel Morgan, of Revolutionary fame, and they were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom lived to the ages of between eighty-three and ninety-one years, one of this family being Daniel Boone, the famous Kentucky pioneer. Another was Hawkins Boone, who built Fort Boone, at the mouth of Warrior Run. (4) Mary, born Sept. 23, 1699, died Jan. 16, 1774. She married John Webb, and they were the parents of eleven children, of whom Samuel moved to Columbia county, Pa., settling near Espy. His daughter Mary married Mordecai Lincoln, brother of Abraham, and son of Mordecai, who died in 1735-36. (5) Joseph, born April 5, 1704, died Jan. 30, 1776.

His wife's name was Catharine. (6) Benjamin, born July 16, 1706, died Oct. 14, 1762. In 1726, at Abington, Pa., he married (first) Ann Farmer, and they were the parents of John and Susanna. There were five children by the second marriage, Mary, Benjamin, James, Samuel (whose daughter married Hezekiah Pancoast) and Dinah, who married Benjamin Tallman, son of William and Ann (Lincoln) Tallman—Benjamin being their only child who reached maturity and left descendants. Ann (Lincoln), his mother, was the sister of Sarah Lincoln, wife of William Boone, and they were daughters of Mordecai Lincoln, whose will was probated in 1736. Mordecai Lincoln married (second) Mary Robinson, and Sarah and Ann were their children; there was also a posthumous son, Abram. Among the sons of his first marriage was John, who had a son Abraham, who was the father of Thomas Lincoln, who married Nancy Hanks and became the father of Abraham Lincoln, president of the United States. William and Ann (Lincoln) Tallman moved to Virginia, where they died. Benjamin and Dinah (Boone) Tallman also moved to Virginia, but about 1805-10 they settled in Ohio, where he died about 1820 and she about 1824. (7) James, born July 18, 1709, died Sept. 1, 1785. He married Mary Foulke and (second) Anna Griffiths, and by his wife Mary had fourteen children. One of his sons, James, became an astronomer; he wrote the Boone manuscript from which much of the material used in this article is taken. The eldest child, Ann, married Abram Lincoln, posthumous child of Mordecai Lincoln, who died in 1735-36. Mordecai Lincoln, son of Abram and Ann (Boone) Lincoln, married Julia Mayberry, sister of Margaret Mayberry, who was the wife of George Boone, son of William and Sarah Boone. Margaret Lincoln, only child of Mordecai and Julia (Mayberry) Lincoln who reached maturity, married a Mr. Barto.

George Boone (4), born July 13, 1690, married Deborah Howell, and they had a family of ten children, born as follows: George (5), May 3, 1713, who died Sept. 30, 1737; Mary, Feb. 10, 1716; Hannah, July 20, 1718; Deborah, Dec. 18, 1720; Dinah, Oct. 18, 1722; Wm., Sept. 18, 1724; Josiah, Jan. 6, 1726; Jeremiah, Jan. 16, 1729; Abigail, Aug. 9, 1732; Hezekiah, March 22, 1734.

William Boone, son of George (4), born Sept. 18, 1724, died in 1771. His will, signed May 23, 1768, and probated Dec. 6, 1771, provides for the following: To daughter Abigail, wife of Adin Pancoast, 70 pounds: to repair the Exeter burying ground; to daughter Mary, 100 pounds at age of twenty years; to son Mordecai 50 pounds before division. The remainder of the estate was to be divided equally among the sons, who were to be put to trades. On March 26, 1748, William Boone married Sarah Lincoln, who was born in

January, 1721, and died April 21, 1810. The mother and children Mordecai, William, Mary, George, Thomas, Jeremiah and Hezekiah, by certificate members of Fairfax Meeting, Virginia, Oct. 30, 1776, were dismissed from Exeter; Sarah Boone and her children Mary, William, George, Jeremiah and Hezekiah were dismissed to Exeter Meeting by certificate later. Following is the record of the children born to William and Sarah (Lincoln) Boone: (1) Abigail was married May 28, 1767, to Adin Pancoast, who died Dec. 12, 1822. Her death occurred May 14, 1808. She had a certificate to Fairfax Meeting and another to return to Exeter, June 28, 1797, and a third from Exeter to Catawissa, and in the last are named children as follows: William, Mary and Hezekiah. Of these, William married Vashti Cooper and their daughter Mary married James Evans Lindsey, by whom she had a son, William Lindsey. Hezekiah, born June 8, 1789, was married March 26, 1815, to Rachel Boone, who was born May 30, 1789, daughter of Samuel Boone, who died on Fishing creek in 1811. (2) William married Susanna Parks, of Reading, Pa., who in 1778 had a certificate to Pipe Creek. In 1782 their descendants founded Boonsboro, Md. (3) Mordecai. (4) Mary married Isaac Lee, Exeter Meeting, May 8, 1777. (5) Thomas died Oct. 28, 1823, in Amity township, Berks Co., Pa. He married a daughter of Richard Lee. (6) Jeremiah. (7) Hezekiah married Hannah Hughes, daughter of George Hughes, in Exeter township, Berks Co., Pa. He died in Catawissa township, Columbia Co., Pa., and his will was probated April 5, 1827. The children of his first wife were: William and George, of Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Martha, Mrs. Lewis Vastine; Ann, Mrs. J. Wolverton; and Newton, who died in Bloomsburg, Pa.; the children by the second marriage were: Milton, who died at Pottsville; Surrissa; Hannah; John; Judah, of Schuylkill County, Pa.; Willets, who died in Bloomsburg, Pa.; and Elizabeth, who died in Pottsville, Pa. (8) George, born in 1739, died in 1824. He married Hannah Hughes, and to them were born the following children: Edward, Margaret, T. Ellis, Joseph, William Ridgeway, Elizabeth, and Jeremiah, all of whom died early in life. The mother of this family died in 1774, and Mr. Boone married (second) Margaret Mayberry, of Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., daughter of Mrs. Ann Lee, wife of Richard Lee and widow of William Mayberry. By this union there were ten children, born as follows: Sarah, May 10, 1782 (married William Gearhart); William, Nov. 12, 1783; Ann, Aug. 21, 1785; Charles, Dec. 21, 1786; Mary, Oct. 18, 1788; George, Aug. 7, 1790 (died May 30, 1860); Elizabeth, Aug. 23, 1793; Harriet, Nov. 22, 1795; Margaret, May 25, 1798; Rachel, Feb. 5, 1801.

DAVID LLEWELLYN, late of Shamokin, was prominently connected with the coal mining industry in this region for many years, and was also one of the foremost citizens in various other phases of the local business development, his association with the Shamokin Banking Company and with companies which promoted various public utilities of the borough, involving services which give his name a permanent place among the valuable residents of this section.

Mr. Llewellyn, who was born Nov. 20, 1825, in Caerphilly, Wales, was the eldest son of Edward and Sarah (Harris) Llewellyn, natives of South Wales, who came to this country about 1831. The parents first settled in Carbondale, Pa., in 1836 moving to St. Clair, Schuylkill county, and in 1838 to Pottsville, in the same county, where the remainder of their lives was passed. The father, Mr. Edward Llewellyn, died in 1844, his wife surviving until 1866. David, Llewellyn and John were their sons, Mary and Ann, their daughters.

David Llewellyn came to America with his parents and began miner's work in early life, working at different branches of the business. In 1853 he located at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, where he spent several years, engaged in the development of what became known as Bell's Tunnel. Thence he went to Locust Gap, where he was with Haas & Bowen and other firms as inside superintendent, in 1863 coming to Shamokin to take the position of superintendent with Haas & Fagely, coal operators. In 1869 he was admitted to the firm and from that time until 1886, when he relinquished the coal business, he was one of the active figures in the local coal field. He held interests in the Cameron, Helfenstein and Big Mountain mines, and was one of the prominent and wealthy operators of this region, which in his progressive and enterprising spirit gained a fresh impetus and an added factor in its prosperity. His last business operations were with E. B. Patterson, running the Big Mountain colliery.

Meantime, as his means accumulated, Mr. Llewellyn became interested in other lines, and for almost twenty years he was officially connected with the Shamokin Banking Company. On March 29, 1872, he was elected a director of that institution, and on Sept. 14, 1883, was chosen president, filling that office ably until Jan. 20, 1891. He was a promoter and one of the original directors of the Shamokin Electric Light Company and was one of the directors of the Shamokin Water Company. During his residence in Mount Carmel he was elected first treasurer of that borough and also served as president of the school board. In politics he was a Republican. Mr. Llewellyn's death, on Nov. 18, 1896, removed one of the foremost citizens of Shamokin, one who had been identified with the evolution of many projects which have made it the prosperous and desirable bor-



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ough which it now bears the reputation of being, and one who was farsighted and intelligent enough to foresee its possibilities and to show his faith by helping to realize them. He was buried in the Shamokin cemetery.

Mr. Llewellyn married (first) Mary Haine, of Columbia county, Pa., and three children were born to them: Emma (deceased), William and Sarah (wife of Nathan Swank). By his second marriage, to Susan Laubenstein, he had six children: Frank, Alice, Ida, Annie, Effie and Kate. For his third wife he married Annie G. Robinson, of Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., who survives him.

DAVID A. FURMAN, farmer and dairyman, has passed most of his life in Rockefeller township, where his family has been settled many years. His grandfather, William Furman, lived there when the territory in which he resided was known as Augusta township. He was a man of affairs and various interests, following farming, operating a grist and saw mill, and engaging extensively in the lumber business, continuing the latter line for many years. He gave employment to as many as twenty-five men in his lumber operations, in the course of which he cut many forests. He furnished most of the timber used in the construction of the Pennsylvania roundhouse at Sunbury. He owned two farms, now owned by Andrew Lentz and Tobias Dunkelberger, respectively. In his day he was a man of more than ordinary prominence. In politics he was a Jeffersonian Democrat, in religion a Baptist. His wife, Huldah (Chamberlin), who was from the Irish Valley, was born May 6, 1816, and died Oct. 15, 1885, and they are buried in the cemetery of the Plum Creek Church. They had three children: John Wesley, and two who died in infancy.

John Wesley Furman was born Aug. 13, 1839, in Rockefeller township, and was a lifelong agriculturist, cultivating the place now owned by Andrew Lentz. In his day the tract comprised 120 acres, and he was an enterprising and prosperous farmer, making a good living and ranking among the substantial men of the community in his time. He died in Rockefeller township May 1, 1886, at the comparatively early age of forty-six years. His wife, Mary Ann (Fasold), daughter of Jonathan Fasold, died Feb. 20, 1893, aged fifty-five years, two months, ten days, and they are buried at the Eden (Plum Creek) Church, where a number of their children are also interred. Mr. Furman was a Lutheran member of the Plum Creek Church, and served many years in the church council. He and his wife had children as follows: William M. died July 14, 1899, aged thirty-eight years, ten months, seven days; David A. is mentioned below; Calvin N. is a resident of Sunbury; Josephine died aged fourteen years; Edward B.

is a resident of Shamokin township; Jonathan E. is a resident of Sunbury; Charles D. died Oct. 11, 1894, aged nineteen years, six months, eleven days; Anna D., twin of Charles D., died March 25, 1906, aged thirty years, eleven months, twenty-five days; Martin L. died March 6, 1898, aged twenty years, one month, seventeen days; Roy died March 15, 1899, aged eighteen years, six months, twenty-nine days.

David A. Furman was born April 7, 1863, in Rockefeller township, and was there reared and educated, being trained to farm work from early boyhood. Working for his parents until he attained his majority, he commenced farming for himself in the spring of 1884 on a tract of seventy-two acres in Shamokin township, where he remained until 1891. Selling that place, he moved to the Amos Epler farm, in the same district, where he lived for one year, after his wife's death (which occurred in 1892) selling out at public auction and returning to the home of his parents, where he remained until that place was sold out, a year later, on account of his mother's death. After his second marriage he lived at Shamokin for one year, at the end of that time returning to farming, in Little Mahanoy township, where he was thus occupied for eleven years on the William Dunkelberger farm. In the spring of 1907 he came to Rockefeller township, where he has a 100-acre farm which he purchased Sept. 1, 1906, the old Joseph Gass homestead in the Plum Creek Valley. The land is fertile and well cultivated, and Mr. Furman does a large dairy business in addition to general farming, keeping from fifteen to twenty cows and wholesaling the milk at Sunbury. He is a thrifty and energetic worker, and has had excellent returns on all his work. Mr. Furman is a Democrat, and is at present serving on the board of school directors of his township.

Mr. Furman's first marriage was to Laura J. Adams, daughter of Casper and Elizabeth (Lake) Adams, who then lived at Elysburg, Pa. She died Dec. 29, 1892, aged twenty-nine years, nine months, nine days, and is buried at the Eden Evangelical Lutheran (Plum Creek) Church in Rockefeller township. Five children were born to this union: Ward married Ida Drumheiser, of Shamokin; Mary E., who is unmarried, lives at home; Glyde married Flossie Shambauch, of Sunbury; William married Jennie Kembel, of Upper Augusta township; Clara lives in Shamokin. On Oct. 25, 1894, Mr. Furman married (second) Hannah J. Wagner, and to them have been born three children: Phoebe V., John L. and Helen M. He and his family are members of the Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plum Creek Valley, and he is serving at present as member of the church council.

Edward B. Furman, son of John Wesley Furman, was born May 17, 1870, in Augusta (now Rockefel-

ler) township, received a common school education, and remained with his father until the latter died. After his marriage he was with his father-in-law, Joseph Yeager, for ten years, after which he spent about ten years on the Jonathan Kreigbaum farm of forty acres, engaged in dairying as well as general farm work in Shamokin township, which farm he now owns. On May 1, 1892, he married Cordelia A. Yeager, daughter of Joseph and Rosanna (Farley) Yeager, and their children are Wave Marie and Joseph Groevenor. Mr. Furman is a member of the Cross Road Church, which he has served as trustee for sixteen years. Politically he is a Democrat.

William Furman, grandfather of David A. Furman, had a brother Samuel, whose son George Furman lived at Stonington, in Shamokin township. They are mentioned elsewhere.

FASOLD. The Fasold family has been settled in Northumberland county for almost a hundred years, Valentine Fasold (or Fausold), the first of the name in this country, having brought his family hither in the year 1816. The brothers Daniel and Samuel Fasold (the latter now deceased), of Sunbury, were long well known carpenter contractors of that and other sections of the county, and their younger brother, Eli Fasold, now living on the old homestead in Rockefeller township, was for many years associated with Daniel in such work. The members of this family are among the best known carpenters of the region.

Valentine Fasold was a native of Hessen, Germany, emigrated about the year 1795, and made a location in Whitehall township, Lehigh Co., Pa., where he lived for some time. He served in the war of 1812. In 1816 he came to Northumberland county, settling on a farm in Shamokin township now owned by a Schlegel, and there he remained until he died. Like the members of the family generally, he was a Lutheran, belonging to the church at Augustaville, where he is buried. The inscription on his tombstone reads: "Valentine Fasold, born in Deutschland Oct. 6, 1765, died Nov. 16, 1824." He was a weaver by trade. He was twice married, his first wife, Christian Xander, of Whitehall township, Lehigh Co., Pa., being German born. They had three children, as follows: Susanna married Abraham Wolf; Mary Elizabeth married Henry Dornsife; John, the only son, settled in Richmond, Ind., and there died. The baptismal certificate of Susanna Fasold is in the possession of her granddaughter, Mrs. Theo. Chester, daughter of Abraham Wolf, and the following is written upon it in German script: Susanna Fasold, daughter of Valentine and Christian, a born Xander (in), his wife, was born into this world Oct. 8, 1798, at 10 o'clock in the morning, in Whitehall township, Northampton [now

Lehigh] Co., Pa. She was baptized Oct. 18th of same year in the Lutheran faith. Her sponsors were Johannes Slichter and his wife Dorothea. Valentine Fasold's second wife, Catharine B. Schriver, born Dec. 28, 1775, died Dec. 31, 1858, was from Lehigh county. She was the mother of these children: Catharine (married Jonathan Kreigbaum), Jonathan, Peter (settled in Pottsville, Pa.), George, Lydia (married Samuel Haupt), Charles (lived in McKeesport, Allegheny Co., Pa., and had a family; he was a carpenter), Mary (Polly) (married Jonathan Daughenbach), Joseph, Sarah (married George Zimmerman), Henry (1821-1885, who lived and died in Rockefeller township) and Mary Ann (married Daniel Kreiger).

At a reunion of the Fasold family held Dec. 15, 1885, at Farrow's Grove, in Snyder town, Northumberland county, about three hundred descendants of Valentine Fasold were present.

Jonathan Fasold, son of Valentine, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., in 1805, and when eleven years old came with his parents to Northumberland county. He owned the farm in Rockefeller township, on which he died in 1885, and followed his trade of shoemaker in connection with farming. He was a Democrat, and he and his family were Lutherans. His widow Catharine (Bartholomew) survived him a number of years, living on the old homestead in Rockefeller township until her death, Sept. 5, 1891, at the age of eighty-three years, one month, twelve days. Their graves are marked by a large monument. They had children as follows: Jonathan, Elizabeth, Catharine, Mary Ann, Simon Peter, David, Hannah and Lucinda (married Saul Shipman).

DAVID FASOLD, a citizen of Rockefeller township, was born Aug. 31, 1842, son of Jonathan and Catharine (Bartholomew) Fasold. He was reared to farming and learned the trade of stonemason and paving when a young man, following that line of work in Sunbury and the surrounding territory. He has passed the major part of his life in Rockefeller township, purchasing the farm where he now lives, a tract of ninety-eight acres, about 1885. This was part of the John Shipman farm. Here Mr. Fasold built a large frame house in 1900, and has made a pleasant home. He also owns part of his father's homestead, which comprised forty-seven acres, but he sold thirteen acres, the part on which the buildings were erected, retaining the other thirty-four acres. It joins his large farm. Mr. Fasold does general farming, disposing of his products in Sunbury. Mr. Fasold was a member of the township school board and during his administration two substantial school buildings were erected in the district, serving as models for those that were built afterward. In politics he is a Democrat and he and his family are Lutherans of the General Synod. Mr. Fasold

has been a useful member of the church, has served in the council many years and has been superintendent of the Sunday school many terms, still filling the position.

Mr. Fasold married Ida Dressler, daughter of Isaac and Luzetta Dressler, residents of Perry county, Pa. Three children have been born to this union: Leon Launcelot, Howard Russel and Edward Warren.

Mr. Fasold is a prominent Odd Fellow, a member of Augusta Lodge, No. 614, at Augustaville, which he represented in the Grand Lodge for several terms. He was also a member of the Encampment and filled all its offices. He is a good citizen and a man highly esteemed wherever known.

George Fasold, son of Valentine, was born in Lehigh county May 25, 1809. He lived and died in Rockefeller township. By trade he was a carpenter and he did considerable contract work, employing a number of men and erecting many houses and barns. He owned the farm now owned and occupied by his son Eli, and there died Dec. 13, 1895. When he settled on this tract it was all covered with forest, and he cleared it with the help of his sons. His wife Mary (Kreiger), a daughter of Christian Kreiger, was born March 25, 1813, and died March 30, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Fasold were Lutherans and are buried at the Plum Creek church. He was a member of the church council many years. He was a Democrat and active in local affairs, serving his township as school director, supervisor and overseer of the poor. He was one of the progressive citizens of his district in many respects. Mr. and Mrs. George Fasold had a large family, namely: Daniel, mentioned below; Henry, who did not marry; Samuel, mentioned below; Jeremiah (1839-1872), who married Sarah Kelley and had four children, Rosa, Emma, Gertrude (Mrs. Ammon Geist) and Minnie (Mrs. Cadwallader Reeser); Sarah, who died aged sixteen years; Lydia, who married Samuel L. Kulp and died when twenty-two years old (their daughter Minnie married Albert Teitsworth); John George, who married Eva Rhoads, and had Mary, Ada, Emily, Ella, Daniel H., Walter, Reuben and George; Reuben, who married Sarah Malick and had four children, Amy (Mrs. Isaac Haas), Elwood (married Mary Snyder), Mabel and Homer; Eli, mentioned below; Albert, who married Lucinda Peiffer and had five children, Cora, Truman, Molly, and Flora and Lydia, both deceased; Sophia, who married Henry Conrad; Josiah, who married Florine Shindel and had Harry, Mary and Maggie.

DANIEL FASOLD, son of George, was born Oct. 5, 1835, in what was then Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and there received his education in the public schools, which were just being established in that locality. He received a license

to teach from the first superintendent of Northumberland county, Prof. J. J. Reimensnyder, being eighteen when he taught his first term, in what was then Lower Augusta township; it lasted three months, and he taught ten terms in all, being quite successful in his profession. He had learned the carpenter's trade from his father, practically growing up with a knowledge of that business, which he followed during the summers while teaching, and to which he devoted all his time eventually. He was engaged thus from 1848 to 1910, a period of sixty-two years in all, and from 1856 to 1890 was largely engaged in contract work, often employing as many as ten men. Much of his work was done in and around Sunbury, but he had a reputation which extended beyond that locality, for he was well and favorably known over a radius of twenty miles, and was the leading contractor of his section for many years. In 1873 he built the Plum Creek church; he assisted to build Millers Cross Road church, in Rockefeller township; put up a number of schoolhouses in that township; and assisted as foreman in the erection of the large St. Peter's church at Mahanoy, in 1858. In the spring of 1895 Mr. Fasold moved to Sunbury, where he has since resided, his home being at No. 448 Catawissa avenue. From the time of his settling in the borough he has taken quite an active part in public affairs, having served as assessor of his district since 1903. While in Lower Augusta township he was school director one term, and also served a term as auditor; in Rockefeller township he served two terms as school director and two terms as auditor. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party, in whose work he has taken an active interest. He has also been an energetic church worker, and was long a prominent member of the Plum Creek Lutheran congregation, serving as a member of the building committee when the present edifice was erected, in 1873; he was also deacon, elder and trustee. He and his family now unite with Zion's Lutheran Church in Sunbury.

On Dec. 18, 1856, Mr. Fasold married Elizabeth Bartholomew, daughter of Jacob Bartholomew, and they have had three children, one of whom died in infancy. H. Frances married Francis Culp, a railroad employee, who died in February, 1911, and they lived in Sunbury; they had five daughters, Laura (who married Joseph B. Kline and has a daughter, Mildred E.), Elizabeth (who graduated from the State Normal school at Bloomsburg and is engaged in teaching), Elsie I. (stenographer), Ruth Evangeline (a milliner, now in Middletown, Del.) and Verdie Winifred (wife of Edward Harrison and living at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.). Charles E., a carpenter by trade, formerly followed contracting, but since 1888 has been foreman of a gang for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and makes his home at No. 217 Fair-

mount avenue, Sunbury; he married Caroline Shipe, and they have eight children, Agnes M. (wife of Joseph Moyer), F. Edith (who is married and has a son, Kennert F.), Sarah (wife of Charles Hart, of Danville), Daniel S., Irving G. (an employee of the Bell Telephone Company), Ellis Lee, Francis and Helen B.

SAMUEL FASOLD, son of George, was born Feb. 16, 1839, on the homestead in Rockefeller township, and obtained a common school education. At an early age he began to learn the carpenter's trade under his father's instruction, and from his early manhood worked as a boss carpenter, being for a time engaged at Shamokin and surrounding towns. On May 21, 1867, he and his wife came to Sunbury, where they settled permanently, Mr. Fasold building the home at No. 904 East Market street, Sunbury, in 1869, and it has been occupied by the family from that time to the present. Mr. Fasold became one of the leading contractors in Sunbury, and in his time had the bulk of the best patronage, putting up many residences and large business structures, giving employment to a number of hands, and teaching the trade to various apprentices. He deserved his success, proving himself worthy of the confidence shown in him, and was honorable and trustworthy in all his dealings, giving honest work in everything he undertook and making an excellent name for himself throughout this region. Mr. Fasold died May 9, 1906, at the old home on East Market street where his widow still resides. He was a member of Augustaville Lodge, I. O. O. F., and an active member of the Lutheran Church, assisting in the work of church and Sunday school; he held the office of deacon. During the Civil war he was a member of Company C, 136th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

On Dec. 25, 1866, Mr. Fasold married Mary Catharine Evert, daughter of John C. and Sarah (Weiser) Evert, late of Rockefeller township, the former of whom is buried at Plum Creek Church. Mrs. Fasold was born in Lower Augusta township. Her maternal grandfather, Philip Weiser, was a grandson of Conrad Weiser, the noted Indian interpreter. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fasold: (1) Ida J. lives with her mother. (2) Rev. John Calvin is a minister of the Lutheran Church now located at Williamstown, Pa. He married Maggie Albert, and they have had children, Evert L., Robert A., Hannah Weiser (died in infancy) and Marshall. (3) Dolan W. is engaged as station agent at Selinsgrove, Pa. He married Lulu App, daughter of Solomon App, and they have three children, Florence, Irene A. and Lena May.

ELI FASOLD, son of George, was born in Rockefeller township Nov. 20, 1846. He lived at home and worked for his parents until he was of age, and was trained to carpenter work from an early age:

when but fifteen years old he went with his father and did such work as he was capable of, he and his brother Daniel continuing their father's work after his death. They did day's work as well as contracting, and became the best known carpenters in their district. Eli Fasold owns and lives on the homestead, which contains fifty-five acres, located in the Plum Creek Valley. George Fasold, his father, cleared this tract and erected the present buildings on it.

On April 3, 1870, Mr. Fasold married Lydia Hepner, daughter of John Hepner, of Shamokin township. She died Sept. 24, 1905, aged sixty-two years, ten days. To Mr. and Mrs. Fasold were born six children: Charles E., now of Shamokin, Pa., Carrie E., married to P. L. Klinger, of Rockefeller township; William W.; Milton, of East Sunbury; Christian K.; and Jennie B., married to Charles Snyder. Mr. Fasold and his family are Lutheran members of the Plum Creek Church, in the work of which he has been very prominent, having served many years as deacon and treasurer. Politically he is a Democrat, and has been quite active in his community, being school director, auditor and supervisor.

Joseph Fasold, son of Valentine, lived in Upper Augusta township, where he had a farm. He was a stonemason by trade. He and his wife, Catharine (Hartzell), had: Mary Ann, James B., Lillie and Catherine.

ELISHA M. CAMPBELL, a farmer of Rush township, Northumberland county, was born in Shamokin township in 1863, son of Elisha Campbell, Sr., and grandson of Henry Campbell, who lived in West Virginia and followed lumbering and farming. Elisha Campbell, Sr., was his only child.

Elisha Campbell, Sr., married Hannah Karchner, and they were the parents of six children, namely: Hannah married Harmon Snyder, and they had children, Calvin, William, Mary, Cora, Rachel, Jacob and Edith; Sarah married George Miller and had children, Elizabeth, Jesse, Albert and Orville; Ella married William Ford and had four children, all of whom are deceased but Hazel; Clara married John Snyder and had three children, Greda, Anna and John; Charles married Lillie Snyder and has two children, Raymond and Edward; Elisha M. is a resident of Rush township.

Elisha M. Campbell has followed farming all his life. He married Sarah Catherine Vastine, daughter of Hugh Hughs Vastine, and to them was born one child, Elwood, who is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell attend the Baptist Church.

Abram Van De Weestyne, from which Mrs. Campbell is descended, came from Holland to America in the seventeenth century and settled

in New Jersey. In 1698 John Vastine, his son, lived in Germantown, Pa. He soon purchased a tract of land in Hilltown township, Bucks Co., Pa., from one Jeremiah Langhorn, and became one of the pioneers of that county. His wife Abigail, whom he married in New Jersey, survived him, his death occurring Feb. 9, 1738; he was buried at Hilltown, Bucks Co., Pa. Their children were as follows: (1) Abraham, born May 24, 1698, died in October, 1772. He married Sarah Ruckman and they had five children: Abigail married Andrew Armstrong; Ruth married James Armstrong; Mary married Robert Jameson; Rachel married Hugh Mears; Sarah married Samuel Wilson. (2) Jeremiah, born Dec. 24, 1701, died in 1769. He and his wife Deborah had children: Jeremiah, who died in 1778 in New Britain, Bucks Co., Pa. (his wife's name was Elizabeth); Martha, Mrs. John Louder; Hannah, Mrs. Samuel Gresham. (3) Benjamin, born Jan. 9, 1703, was the next in line of descent to Mrs. Elisha Campbell. (4) John died Feb. 9, 1765, in Hilltown, unmarried. (5) Mary, born March 1, 1699, married a Mr. Wilson and moved to South Carolina.

Benjamin Vastine, born Jan. 9, 1703, son of John, died in August, 1749. He married Mary Griffith, and they were the parents of the following children: (1) Hannah married Emerson Kelly. (2) John married Rachel Morgan and had children Benjamin (married Mary Van Zant), Simon, Nancy and Margaret. Of these, Benjamin and Mary (Van Zant) Vastine had three sons: Benjamin, who married Elizabeth Hauck and had Margaret (Mrs. William Savidge), Amanda, Harriet (Mrs. Alvin Hughs), Algernon and Thomas F.; Thomas, who married Sarah Ellis and had Ann (Mrs. George Pensyl), Lucinda (Mrs. John Adams), Mary, Samantha, Beneville, Grace Ella, John, Rufus, Thomas J., Jane and Sarah Matilda; and John, who married Sarah Scott and had Hannah (Mrs. Mahlon Huff), Ellen, Sarah Jane, Benjamin, Catherine and Isabella. Simon, son of John and Rachel, married and had a son John. (3) Abraham married Elizabeth Williams, and their children were John, William, Abraham, Nancy, Mary and Jeremiah. The family lived in York county, Pa., for a time, later moving to Kentucky. (4) Benjamin, who died in September, 1775, married Catherine Eaton, and their children were: Mary married Josiah Lunn. Peter married Hannah, daughter of Jonathan Vastine, and had children, Catherine (unmarried), Elizabeth (married John Colket), Benjamin (unmarried), Mary (married Henry Johnson), Ann (married H. Boone), Lydia (unmarried), Thomas Jefferson (married Harriet Paxton and had Peter, Margaret P., Charles, Joseph, Sarah and Hannah), Peter E. (married Mary Miller) and Jeremiah (unmarried). Benjamin

married Dorothy, daughter of Amos Vastine, and they had children Martha (married Joel Miller) and Catherine (married Benjamin Miller). Elizabeth married Alem Morris. (5) Jonathan, who married Elizabeth Lewis, is next in the line of descent to Mrs. Elisha Campbell. (6) Isaac married Sarah Matthews. (7) Amos married Martha Thomas and they had two daughters; Dorothy, who married Benjamin Vastine, son of Benjamin; Martha, who married Robert C. Shannon.

Jonathan Vastine, son of Benjamin and Mary (Griffith) Vastine, married Elizabeth Lewis, and their children were: (1) Benjamin married Elizabeth Van Zant and their children were: Lewis V., who married Martha Boone and had Hannah (Mrs. Dudley Andrews), Margaret (Mrs. Jacob B. Gearhart), Rachel Jane, Elizabeth (Mrs. John H. Morrall), Matilda (Mrs. Abraham Gulick), Sarah, Martha, William B., Lewis B. and George; Mary, who married Samuel Boone; Ann, who married Isaac Wolverton; and Rachel, who married John M. Housel. (2) Ann married Thomas Robbins. (3) Hannah married Peter Vastine, son of Benjamin Vastine. (4) Mary married William Marsh. (5) John married Catherine Osmun and had William (married Elizabeth Hursch), Amos (married Susan Lerch), Margaret (married Charles Heffley), Sarah (married Robert Campbell), Thomas (married Lanah Vought) and John. (6) Jeremiah married E. Reeder, and their children were: Mary, who married C. Fisher; Margaret, who married D. Robbins; Surrisa, who married William Leighaw; and Thomas, who married Eliza Reeder and had children Catherine and Elizabeth. (7) Thomas died unmarried. (8) Jonathan married Nancy Ann Hughs.

Jonathan and Nancy Ann (Hughs) Vastine had children as follows: Hugh Hughs; Lewis, who married Sarah Potts and had one daughter Ann, now the wife of Alfred Halberstattel and the mother of one child; and Benjamin, who died single.

Hugh Hughs Vastine, son of Jonathan and Nancy Ann (Hughs) Vastine, married Catherine Zimmerman, and to them were born the following children: Martha Ann died single; William L. married Alice Cardell and had children, Blanche, James, Mary and Cora; Oscar married Ada Gillaspay; Mary F. married John K. Erdman and had children, Hattie, Sarah, Nora, Alice, Bert, John, Calvin, Kimber, and Frank; Jonathan married Cora Hess and had children, Charles, Katie and Chester; Jacob married M. Smith and had children, Ethel, Hatten and Grethel; Lewis married Mary Nunamaker; Sarah C. married Elisha Campbell, Jr.; Harriet married William Arnold and had children, Bessie and Annie; Ida married Charles Hoffman and had children, Vergie, Edwin, John, Mary, Wesley, William, Lillie and Frank.

I. C. M. ELLENBERGER, present superintendent of the public schools of the borough of Sunbury, has been engaged in educational work for over twenty years, about half of that time as teacher and the remainder in his capacity of superintendent. He was born Oct. 30, 1863, at Gatesburg, Pa., and received his elementary education in the public schools. He prepared for college at Stone Valley Academy and Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., and took his collegiate course at Pennsylvania State College, from which he was graduated in 1890. From 1891 to 1894 Professor Ellenberger was principal of the Bremen Institute, in Kentucky. In 1894 he took the position of principal in the high school of Tyrone (Pa.), filling that incumbency until 1899, when he was made superintendent of the Tyrone public schools. He continued in that work until he came to Sunbury, in 1908, to serve in a similar capacity. Some idea of his responsibilities may be gained from a brief outline of the educational facilities Sunbury affords its youth at the present time.

The borough is fairly well provided with large and commodious school buildings, well equipped for thorough and efficient work. There are eight buildings advantageously located, readily accessible so as to be convenient for the pupils in all the various parts of the borough. The borough of Sunbury was incorporated as such March 24, 1797, by Act of Assembly, and divided into two wards, East and West, thus establishing the school district. Some time later the first free school was opened, on Third street, where the post-office now stands. The town grew considerably and was soon divided into four wards, and the schools were managed by a board of six directors, the board meetings being held semi-monthly. Previous to 1870 there was no Central high school in Sunbury, but the schools in the different wards were partially graded. The first step to establish a central high school was taken by the board of directors in 1870. Bartholomew's store room, at No. 35 North Fourth street, was rented for the purpose, and in December, 1870, J. R. Miller was elected first principal, at a salary of one hundred dollars a month; at this time primary teachers received thirty-five to forty dollars a month, secondary teachers, fifty-five dollars, and grammar school teachers, sixty dollars. The school term was but seven months. Because of poor health Professor Miller resigned almost immediately after accepting, and Prof. Elias Schneider, who formerly taught in the Sunbury Academy, was elected principal in January, 1871. Shortly afterward the high school was moved to the Second street building, opposite the county prison; then to the building on Front street, near the Reading railroad bridge, the same building the academy had occupied for a short time; then it was partly in the Front street building and partly in the Eighth ward building. For some time the

high school was small. Professor Schneider served three years as principal, being succeeded by W. M. Boal, W. H. Black, H. R. Roth, C. D. Oberdorf, Professor Conser, Professor Young, Professor Dennis and Professor Rhodes, the present principal. The first regular high school class was graduated in 1882, and consisted of three pupils. After several years it was thought superior school advantages could be secured by consolidating Sunbury and East Sunbury, a project which was consummated in 1895. The school district then consisted of nine wards, a new Central high school was built on Fifth street, at the head of Court street, midway between Market and Chestnut streets. In 1893 the borough superintendency was established, C. D. Oberdorf being elected superintendent, his place as principal of the high school being taken by Professor Conser. In 1897 the high school of the Sunbury school district took up its quarters in the new building. Professor Oberdorf was succeeded as borough superintendent by Prof. Ira Shipman, who held the office until 1908, since when Prof. I. C. M. Ellenberger has been the incumbent.

The annual reports indicate the steady growth of the schools. In 1860 there were four teachers, 269 pupils, and the school term was eight months. In 1870 there were ten teachers, 672 pupils; term, seven months. In 1880 there were fourteen teachers, 822 pupils; term, eight months. On Dec. 7, 1884, the wards had increased to five, by reason of the increase of the borough population, and there were in all five school buildings, accommodating one boys' and girls' high school, two intermediate, two secondary and three primary schools. In 1890 there were nineteen teachers, 1,109 pupils, and the term was eight months. In 1900 there were forty-two teachers, 2,100 pupils, and the term had increased to nine months, as at present. In 1910 there were fifty-six teachers, 2,504 pupils. Including the class of 1910 the Sunbury high school has had 708 graduates, and the East Sunbury high school 63. The State appropriation has increased from \$213.20 in 1860 to \$13,131.83, in 1910.

LEINBACH. The brothers D. O. and Charles F. Leinbach, of Milton, Northumberland county, are natives of Turbut township, this county, where their father and grandfather lived, but the family is an old one of Berks county, and has been settled in Pennsylvania since 1723.

The first known ancestor of the Leinbachs was Henry Leinbach, of Langen-Weibolt, Wetterau, Germany, who married Barbara Lerch.

Johannes Leinbach, Sr., son of Henry and Barbara, was born in Langen-Selbold, Wetterau, March 9, 1674; he was baptized by the Reformed pastor. In his native land he was an organist. On Oct. 2, 1700, he married Anna Elizabeth Kleiss, who was born in Eidengup, Wetterau, Feb. 2,

1680, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Schilling) Kleiss, and was baptized in the Lutheran faith, to which her parents adhered. Johannes Leinbach, Sr., came to Pennsylvania Sept. 11, 1723, with his three sons and two daughters: Frederic, John Henry, John (Johannes, Jr.), Joanna Maria and Maria Barbara, the family settling in Oley township, Berks county. He was "vorsteher" of the Oley congregation, into which office he was inducted April 9, 1742.

Frederic Leinbach, son of Johannes, Sr., was born in Hochstadt, near Frankfort on the Main, July 15, 1703, and was baptized by the Reformed pastor, Rev. Mr. Bender. He was a tailor by trade. On June 2, 1737, he married Elizabeth Frey, of Skippack, who was born there July 1, 1719, and was baptized by Count Zinzendorf May 6, 1742.

John Henry Leinbach, son of Johannes, Sr., was born Nov. 26, 1705, in Hochstadt, and was baptized in his infancy by the Reformed pastor, Rev. Mr. Bender. On Nov. 2, 1739, he married Joanna Herman, born in Conestoga March 16, 1718, and baptized by Count Zinzendorf May 6, 1742, the same day as Elizabeth Frey, above mentioned.

Johannes Leinbach, Jr., son of Johannes, Sr., was born in Hochstadt Feb. 13, 1712. He accompanied his parents to Pennsylvania in 1723, and settled as a farmer. On Aug. 12, 1735, he married Catharine Riehm, of Muddy Creek, and they had eleven children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Frederick, John Daniel, Lewis, Abraham, Benjamin, Joseph, Elizabeth, Maria Barbara, Johanna and Catharine.

John C. Leinbach, great-grandfather of D. O. and Charles F. Leinbach, lived and died in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa. His son,

John C. Leinbach, born in 1796, died in 1853. Coming to Northumberland county, he settled in Turbut township about 1820, and there he is buried, at Paradise. He was a tinsmith by trade and a skilled mechanic in various lines, being quite famous for the grandfather clocks which he made; the last one he made is owned by his grandson, D. O. Leinbach. His wife, Mary (Stitzel), was born in 1799 and died in 1887; she was a member of the Judge Stitzel family of Berks county. John C. and Mary (Stitzel) Leinbach had two children, Daniel S. and Hannah. The daughter married John Kutz, of Northampton county, who died in Limestone township, Montour county, the mother of Daniel (deceased), Emma (married John Wolfinger), Annie (married Judson Derr), Wallace (of Milton, Pa.) and Nelson (of Sunbury, Pa.). Mrs. Archer Van Dyke, sister of John C. Leinbach, lived in the Juniata valley.

Daniel S. Leinbach, father of D. O. and Charles F. Leinbach, was born Aug. 31, 1822, in Turbut

township, and died Nov. 13, 1902; he is buried at Paradise. He attained prosperous circumstances through his own efforts, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He owned a fine farm, containing about one hundred acres, located near Follmer's church in Turbut township, repaired the residence on that tract and built a fine new barn. He was independent in politics and an active member of the Reformed Church, which he served as elder and deacon. Mr. Leinbach married Mary Fick, who was born July 8, 1828, daughter of John Fick, and died Dec. 23, 1891; she is buried beside her husband. They became the parents of four children: Annie A. is the wife of John Ditzler, of Turbut township, and has three children, Emma, John M. and Charles; John A., now a retired farmer, who owns the old homestead in Turbut township, married Eliza Bieber; D. O. and Charles F. are mentioned below.

D. O. LEINBACH was born July 29, 1859, near Paradise, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and received his education in the township schools. He remained with his father until he reached the age of twenty-one, when he came to Milton, Aug. 6, 1880. Here he has since made his home. He learned the trade of machinist at the well known establishment of S. J. Shimer & Sons, in Milton, and continued to follow that occupation as a journeyman until 1887, when he became traveling salesman for the concern, a capacity in which he was engaged until 1894, traveling through the States, Territories, and Dominion of Canada. Continuing in the service of the above named firm, who established the iron business known as The Milton Manufacturing Company, he assumed the salesmanship of this company and after years of extensive travel became their Philadelphia representative, a position he now holds. He has been in the same employ for a period of upwards of thirty-one years. Mr. Leinbach's practical experience in the machine shop and his mechanical skill are valuable supplements to his ability as a salesman and his judgment in business dealings, and the combination of qualities has made him an appreciable factor in the success of the company in the field over which he has operated. He is a substantial citizen of Milton, and retains his home there, living in the fine residence which he built in 1906, at No. 398 East Broadway. He is a Lutheran and has been an active worker in the church, which he has served as deacon. In politics he wears no collar, and is no man's man.

On March 19, 1889, Mr. Leinbach married Ella M. Klapp, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Haag) Klapp, and granddaughter of John Klapp and John Haag. Mr. and Mrs. Leinbach have one son, W. Dewitt, who was born March 6, 1899, and is now attending the local schools.

CHARLES F. LEINBACH was born Jan. 28, 1866,

in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and after attending the local schools went to the academy at Limestoneville, Montour county, and to the academy at McEwensville, Northumberland county. He also spent one year in study at the normal school at Hickory, N. C. Upon his return home, in 1888, he began clerking in the store of W. L. Raup, where he remained five years, subsequently clerking one year in West Milton and then six years with the Schreyer & Sons Company, at Milton. He has since been in business on his own account. He bought out the grocery of D. L. Hogue, of Watsonstown, which he conducted for two years, until 1904, that year returning to Milton and establishing himself at his present location, No. 436 Broadway. Here he has a first-class store, dealing in groceries, flour and feed, and he enjoys a steady and lucrative patronage, built up by honorable methods and earnest efforts to please his customers, who appreciate his attention to their wants and his ability to meet all the requirements of his trade. Mr. Leinbach is deservedly a much respected citizen of the borough in which he makes his home.

On Dec. 27, 1895, Mr. Leinbach married Sarah C. Lahr, who was born Nov. 11, 1872, daughter of William B. and Sarah (Sterner) Lahr, and died March 24, 1907; she is interred at the Harmony cemetery, at Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Leinbach had one daughter, Mary Helen, who was born May 20, 1900. The family home is at No. 432 Broadway, Milton.

Socially Mr. Leinbach is a member of Castle No. 265, K. G. E., and Commandery No. 27, K. of M. He is active in the work of St. John's Reformed Church, which he has served as a member of the consistory.

HEINRICH KLERX, general superintendent of the Susquehanna Silk Mills, at Sunbury, stands at the head of one of the foremost enterprises established in that borough as the result of the efforts of local business men to enhance the interests of this place by drawing industrial capital hither with special inducements of convenience and economy of production. That the reciprocal advantages for which the Susquehanna Silk Mills agreed to establish a plant at Sunbury have been exceeded to a notable degree may be gathered from the citation of a very few statistics. The Sunbury Board of Trade was organized in 1894, and not long afterward the industrial committee became particularly active in urging the advantages of the borough as an industrial center upon capitalists in search of suitable locations. Through the industrial department of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company it was ascertained that the old established silk manufacturing firm of H. E. Schniewind, of Germany, was considering the establishment of a plant in this country. An offer was made on the condition that a factory at least

100 by 300 feet in dimensions be erected, and that employment be furnished to at least 250 people. That the success of the plant has surpassed the expectations of its founders and of the Sunbury citizens who induced them to choose this location is shown in the simple fact that the main mill in the Ninth ward occupies an area 400 feet square, taking no count of substantial additions, and that a working force of over 800 finds constant employment therein. Moreover, another large establishment, the converting works of these mills, has grown out of the needs of this and other mills operated by the same concern, giving employment to another force of 400 workers.

The Susquehanna Silk Mills, manufacturers of the famous Suskana silks, are operated by a German house of long standing. H. Schniewind, Jr., is the present president and treasurer of the American branch of this concern, Max Siepermann, secretary. For ten years before the establishment of the plant at Sunbury Mr. Siepermann had been the New York representative of the firm. Through him negotiations were entered into with the visiting representative of the firm by which a plant of the proportions above given was to be erected and put into operation, a company being incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Heinrich Klerx had at that time been connected with the German house for a period of fifteen years, and through efficient service in various capacities had risen to the position of superintendent. His ability, no less than his long and varied experience, seemed to qualify him particularly for the special responsibilities of the new venture, though he was at the time unfamiliar with American methods and business customs, and had but slight acquaintance with the English language. His resources, however, proved equal to the unusual demands made upon them. Assuming control at the outset, he superintended all the details in the construction of the plant and the setting up of machinery, and after the factory commenced operations soon learned by actual contact with conditions here whatever he needed to grasp the local situation. The methods of his native land combined with the best in American commercial tactics have proved sufficient to raise the plant under his control to foremost standing among the industrial institutions of the country. Mr. Klerx has the advantage of being a skilled mechanic, and his inventive faculties have enabled him to produce many devices for saving labor in the Susquehanna Silk Mills, some of his appliances, in fact, being now in general use in similar establishments all over the United States. His familiarity with the executive and financial intricacies of this branch of manufacturing is no less comprehensive, and the combination of faculties which he has shown in his administration of this great plant makes his services invaluable.

In 1903 the Susquehanna Silk Mills established another plant, at Marion, Ohio, the demand for the product having outgrown the capacity of the mills at Sunbury. It was erected and equipped under the personal supervision of Mr. Klerx—a high compliment to his management of the Sunbury plant. Since then two other plants, one at Lewistown, Pa., the other at Jersey Shore, Pa., have been put into operation by this concern, the main office being at Sunbury, where Mr. Klerx resides. There are also salesrooms and offices at No. 18 West Eighteenth street, New York City.

In 1903 it was found that another plant, for dyeing and finishing the product of the weaving mills, would be a desirable addition, and through Mr. Klerx' efforts this new establishment was also located at Sunbury, though it finishes the product of all the mills of the concern. Mr. Klerx had full charge of all the preliminary arrangements, the purchase of suitable property and the construction of the factory, which is located in the Fifth ward. This new plant, known as the converting works, was completed and set in operation in December, 1903. In construction and equipment it is second to no establishment of the kind in the State.

Every branch of the silk business has been the object of Mr. Klerx' earnest study. The welfare and health of employees, no less than the prosperity of the factory, has received his attention from the time he took up his work here, and it was he who organized the Silk Mill Relief Association, which pays benefits to employees, members incapacitated through accident or illness. Moreover, movements looking to the general welfare have always received his hearty support, for a well ordered community means healthful, industrial conditions for both employer and employee.

Socially Mr. Klerx holds membership and is past Exalted Ruler in the B. P. O. Elks, Lodge No. 267, the Americus Club, and other organizations.

JACOB G. HOFFMAN, a venerable resident of Washington township, Northumberland county, was born in that district Aug. 1, 1836, son of William D. and Anna Maria (Gonser) Hoffman.

John Hoffman, his grandfather, was a native of Colebrookdale township, Berks Co., Pa., and was a pioneer in Northumberland, where he followed farming. He is buried at the Reformed and Lutheran Church at Rakers, Pa. He made his home in Washington township, along the mountain. His wife, Susanna (Drumheller), daughter of Nicholas Drumheller, a native of Earl township, Berks county, came with him to this county. They had children as follows: Jacob D. died in Jackson township and is buried at St. Peter's Church (he married Rebecca Snyder, born April 21, 1812, died Aug. 15, 1835; their twin sons, Montgomery and Cornelius, born Aug. 14, 1835, died in 1835 and

1836, respectively); Henry D., born Jan. 9, 1810, died Nov. 10, 1889, lived in Washington township, where he followed the occupations of farmer and stonemason (his wife Maria Elizabeth, nee Hetrich, born Sept. 21, 1812, died Feb. 3, 1867); William D. is mentioned below; Elizabeth married Fred Raker; Catharine married Jacob Groh, and they located in Missouri.

William D. Hoffman, son of John, was born Dec. 23, 1802, in Colebrookdale township, Berks Co., Pa., and came to Northumberland county with his parents when a young man. He was a stonemason and farmer in Washington township, his property there including the farm now owned by his son Jacob G. Hoffman; his purchase was a much larger tract. He was a Lutheran member of the Himmel Church, where he held various offices, and is buried there. His death occurred Oct. 2, 1885. His wife, Maricha or Anna Maria Gonser, born Sept. 17, 1812, was a daughter of Daniel Gonser, and came of a very prosperous family. She died May 16, 1899. The children of this union were as follows: Daniel Gonser, born June 26, 1832, died Dec. 22, 1860; Elizabeth married a Mr. Drumheller; John G., born April 19, 1835, died Nov. 10, 1868 (his wife Sarah died May 9, 1904, aged sixty-six years, three months, nineteen days); Jacob G. is mentioned below; Maria (or Maricha) was the next in the family; Denah married Elias Hetrick; William G. lives at Pillow, Pa.; Emanuel died in infancy; Henry G., born Sept. 24, 1843, died Feb. 9, 1874; Conrad G. was the next son; Rudolph A., born Nov. 8, 1847, died Jan. 9, 1886; Louisa married Henry Keihl, of Pillow, Pa.; Benjamin, born April 29, 1850, died Feb. 20, 1861; Robert G., born March 27, 1852, died March 1, 1857; Caroline, born Jan. 17, 1857, died May 13, 1866; Ernestus G. lives at Pillow.

Jacob G. Hoffman was reared to farm life and remained at home working for his parents until he attained his majority. Meantime he attended the subscription schools for a limited period. He then learned the blacksmith's trade, which he has continued to follow, though he has lived partially retired since 1892. His first home was in Washington township, whence he moved to Upper Mahanoy, but after less than two years' residence there he returned to Washington township, where he was established for eight years. For three years afterward he was in Jackson township, thence moving to Lower Mahanoy, where his home was near Hickory Corners for one year. From there he moved to his present location, remaining ten years at that time and moving elsewhere for two years, after which he purchased the place where he and his family had made their home so long, and there they have resided continuously since 1887. This formed part of the Solomon Campbell homestead, which originally was very large, Mr. Hoffman owning about 150 acres.

There are two dwellings on the place. Part of his present residence is of log construction and was built before 1800, and the stone house was built in 1819. There is good water on this farm, and Mr. Hoffman has been successfully engaged at his trade and in agricultural pursuits. He has taken an interest in local affairs, was overseer of the poor for twelve years, school director six years and supervisor one year. Politically he is a Democrat.

In 1860 Mr. Hoffman married Sarah Drumheller, who was born July 29, 1849, daughter of Nicholas Drumheller and granddaughter of Nicholas Drumheller, a native of Berks county, the family being prominent and fully mentioned elsewhere in this work. Twelve children have been born to this union: Emma R. married Frank Rothermel and died at the age of twenty, the mother of three children, one of whom survives; Lilian A. married Adam Rebeck and has two children (she is now—1911—fifty years of age); Franklin L., of the Mahantango Valley, married Catharine Strohecker, and they have had fourteen children, nine of whom are living; Francis W., who is engaged in farming his father's land, married Bertha Klock, and they have had four children, all of whom survive; Daniel M. died when four years old; John T., who lives in the Mahantango Valley, married Louisa Klinger and they have had five children, all living; Sara J. married Daniel Bordner and died at the age of nineteen, the mother of one child, deceased; Ira I. died when six months old; Ida J. married John H. Hoffman and has had five children, three of whom are living (they live in Lykens, Pa.); Rosa May, born March 30, 1879, married Daniel Kahler, of Washington township, who was born Sept. 1, 1875, and they have had seven children; Harry A. (born Jan. 3, 1900); Howard J. (June 18, 1901), Jennie M. (March 26, 1903), Nora Alice (Oct. 23, 1905), Mary Agnes (Feb. 3, 1907), Irwin D. (Aug. 11, 1908) and Claude A. (Sept. 9, 1910); Jacob Edwin, who lives in Schuylkill county, married Lizzie Weist and they have had two children, both of whom are living; Charles Elmer, who lives in the Mahantango Valley, married Nora Wiest and has two children. Mr. Hoffman and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

Katon H. Hoffman, son of Henry, was born Feb. 24, 1848, and married Elizabeth Bellman, born the same day. Their children were born as follows: Paul, March 14, 1872; a son (that died in infancy), Aug. 9, 1873; Susan E., Sept. 3, 1874; John H., March 18, 1876; William Harvey, July 12, 1878; Emma J., Nov. 11, 1879; Daniel L., Oct. 14, 1881; Mary E., Nov. 29, 1884; Solomon Carey, Nov. 28, 1886; Samuel Howard, July 5, 1888. Of these Susan E. married William Dornsife, born Feb. 20, 1867, and they have had four children: A daughter, born dead April 17, 1895; Edith E.,

born March 6, 1897 (died Oct. 3, 1900); Dela Direne, born July 16, 1900, and Ruth E., born Feb. 17, 1909.

CHRIST. Several members of this family have been associated with the business interests of Mount Carmel as butchers and dealers in meat, the brothers B. F. Christ and J. M. Christ now conducting well equipped stores in the borough, where their father, John Christ, was established in the same line from 1877 until his retirement. All have been substantial and useful citizens, a credit to their name and the community in which they have lived and worked.

The father of John Christ died when a comparatively young man, in Schuylkill county, Pa. His widow married a Mr. Snyder. She had three children by her first marriage, namely: Emanuel, who settled at Ashland, Pa.; where he died (his son Isaac lives at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county); Elias, who died in the Mahantango Valley, unmarried; and John.

John Christ was born Feb. 3, 1831, and died in October, 1905. Early in life he became a drover and butcher, and he made Western trips to buy cattle, which he drove East in the early days. He was, however, one of the first dealers to ship cattle by railroad. In 1877 he came to Mount Carmel and some time later entered the retail branch of the business, in which he continued until his retirement, selling out to his son B. F. Christ some time before his death. Mr. Christ was a prominent member of the United Evangelical Church, in which he was an active worker. He married Hannah Heckert, who survives him, still making her home at Mount Carmel, and they had a family of five children, viz.: Emma, widow of J. E. Huber, resides at Mount Carmel; Agnes is unmarried and living with her mother; Jeremiah M. is mentioned below; Hannah N. is the wife of Rev. C. D. Huber, now located at Sunbury, Pa., as pastor of the First United Evangelical Church; and Benjamin Franklin is mentioned below.

Michael Heckert, Mrs. Hannah (Heckert) Christ's first ancestor in America, emigrated from Germany some time during the latter part of the eighteenth century, and settled in lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland Co., Pa. Of his children, Francis and Yost went West; Peter was the father of Mrs. Christ; Elizabeth married Jacob Miller, who moved to Armstrong Valley, in Dauphin county, Pa. There may have been other children.

Peter Heckert, son of Michael, served in the war of 1812-15, was honorably discharged, and received two tracts of bounty land for his services. He remained in Lower Mahanoy township, having taken up farm lands there, and died at the age of eighty-five years. His wife, Eva, died at the age of forty-nine. They had children as follows: George;

Michael; Peter; Elias; Isaac; Benjamin; Joseph; Riley; Elizabeth (Mrs. Isaac Lenker); Polly (Mrs. Harry Weaver); Sallie; Catherine (Mrs. Jacob Wentzel); Christina (Mrs. Aaron Conrad); Hannah (Mrs. John Christ); and two who died in youth. Elias and Hannah (Mrs. Christ) are now the only surviving members of this large family, of which the following settled and lived in Northumberland county: Peter, whose son Jacob is a marble cutter at Millersburg, Pa., and son Willis a railroader living at Georgetown (Dalmatia), Northumberland county; Elias (now—1910—aged eighty-three), who has ten children, all living, Henry A. (of Kansas City, Mo.), Emma E. (Mrs. I. J. Shroyer, formerly of Shamokin, now living in Dauphin county, Pa.), Riley W. (a farmer of Northumberland county), John W. (a merchant at Hegins, Schuylkill county), Mary A. (Mrs. John K. Maurer, of Schuylkill county), Sarah J. (Mrs. Jacob Maurer, of Schuylkill county), Joseph L. (a baker, in Girardville, Schuylkill county), Lydia A. (Mrs. John W. Bahner, residing near Stonington, Northumberland county), Lizzie A. (Mrs. Elmer A. Bohner, of Northumberland county) and Eli P. (principal of schools at Schuylkill Haven, Pa.); Benjamin, who was for years a leading furniture dealer and undertaker in Sunbury, and whose children are Dr. Charles G. Heckert (president of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio), Emma (Mrs. Savidge, of Sunbury, Pa.); Jennie May (Mrs. Sharon Stephens, of Harrisburg, Pa.) and B. Frank (attorney at law, of Sunbury); Polly, Mrs. Harry Weaver, whose son George lives in Shamokin; and Hannah, Mrs. John Christ, whose children have been previously mentioned. Joseph and Christina (Mrs. Aaron Conrad) resided in Perry county, Pa.: Joseph was a soldier in the Civil war and was shot while in the act of relieving a picket, who did not recognize him. Mr. Conrad was also a soldier in the Civil war, and died of typhoid fever after a forced march to Gettysburg, in 1863, after his term of enlistment had expired. Catherine, who married Jacob Wentzel, resided in the State of Indiana.

JEREMIAH M. CHRIST, son of John and Hannah (Heckert) Christ, was born March 16, 1867, in Eldred township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He began his education in the schools of that locality, receiving the rest of his schooling at Mount Carmel, whither he removed with his parents in 1877. He was in his father's employ until 1892, when he went west, spending eighteen months traveling throughout the West and Northwest, finding employment at different places. After his return home he again worked for his father, until he was thirty-two years old, at which time he and his brother became associated with their father under the name of John Christ & Sons. At the end of a year Jeremiah M. Christ withdrew from this

partnership and located in Buffalo, N. Y., where he engaged in business on his own account. Returning to Mount Carmel, he established his present store, at No. 221 South Market street, in 1906. He deals in groceries, provisions, butter and eggs, as well as fresh and smoked meats, and carries a large and comprehensive stock in all those lines, catering to a fine class of trade. By upright dealing and close attention to the wants of his customers he has built up a profitable patronage, which continues to show a steady increase. Mr. Christ has found time to interest himself in the public affairs of the community, and has been chosen to represent the Second ward in the council. He was formerly a Republican in his political views, but since 1909 has supported the Socialist party. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in social connection belongs to Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M., to the Sons of America and to the Knights of Malta.

On June 3, 1897, Mr. Christ married Alice Fagely, daughter of Isaac and Lydia (Leipensberger) Fagely, of Topton, Berks Co., Pa. They have had two children, Lydia C. and Benjamin Franklin.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CHRIST, son of John and Hannah (Heckert) Christ, was born Nov. 3, 1874, in Eldred township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He received all his education in the public schools of Mount Carmel, and learned the butcher business under his father, with whom he was associated as a member of the firm of John Christ & Sons, as above stated, and whose interest he purchased in 1903. In 1907 he built his fine store at No. 123 North Oak street, one of the most complete and up-to-date meat markets in this district. He also conducts another market at No. 135 South Oak street. Mr. Christ commands a thriving trade, and gives constant employment to from twelve to fifteen men. He has a stock farm of his own, comprising 150 acres at Stonington, in Shamokin township, this county, and there keeps his cattle until they are ready for slaughter, an arrangement which gives him many advantages over the average dealer. He is a business man of ability and resource, enterprising in his ideas and methods, and his prosperity is the best evidence of his sound judgment on such matters. Mr. Christ was one of the organizers of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Mount Carmel, one of the most important financial institutions of the borough, and has served as one of the directors throughout the period of its existence. Fraternally he unites with the Sons of America and the local lodge of Elks (No. 356), and in religion he is a member of the Evangelical Church.

On Oct. 14, 1897, Mr. Christ married Annie Gross, daughter of Frederick Gross, of Mount Carmel, and they have two children, John Frederick and Emil Marshall.

WILLIAM H. ROHRBACH, late of Sunbury, was throughout his active years thoroughly identified with the business interests and material growth of that borough. He was associated with his father for a number of years in the foundry business, was superintendent of the Sunbury waterworks for a period of eight years, and as an intelligent and public-spirited citizen was esteemed by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who had known him well through years of business or personal association.

Mr. Rohrbach was a member of an old Pennsylvania family, of German origin, descended from John George Rohrbach, who emigrated to America about the middle of the eighteenth century. He settled in eastern Pennsylvania, in Berks county, in the territory now embraced in District township, and the family is now quite numerous in the eastern end of that county. The ancestral homestead is still owned by one of his descendants. He was twice married, and by his first union had a son Lawrence. By his second wife, Christiana Moser, he had five children, George, John, Simon, Eva and Christiana. Those of the name now living in Berks county are descendants of Lawrence and John; Simon is said to have moved to Catawissa, Columbia county; George to have gone West; Eva married Jacob Finkbohner, who after her death married her sister Christiana.

The grandfather of William H. Rohrbach devoted himself to his business affairs and was a successful and influential man of his day, although he had no aspirations toward public honors and took no part in anything outside of his private interests. For many years he conducted a charcoal furnace in conjunction with farming. He married Catharine Fenstermacher, and to them was born a large family.

George Rohrbach, father of William H. Rohrbach, was born in 1808 in Columbia county, Pa. He early became interested in the iron industry and continued to follow the foundry and furnace business all his active days. In 1838 he moved to Northumberland county, locating in Upper Augusta township, where he resided a few years, afterward removing to Sunbury. There he lived for more than half a century, until his death, in 1894. He was one of the oldest citizens of the borough at that time. In 1838 he had established a small foundry a mile east of Sunbury, between the Center turnpike and Shamokin Valley railroad. Two years later, having secured a location on the south side of Chestnut street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, he removed his business to Sunbury, his being the first foundry at that place. He continued to operate it for some years, either individually or in association with his brothers William, Jacob and Daniel. They were succeeded by Clinton D. and Jacob Rohrbach, the latter retiring in favor of T. G. Cooper, and in 1866 the firm of Rohrbach

& Cooper gave place to Rohrbach & Son, composed of George Rohrbach and his son William H. Later Jacob Rohrbach (another son of George) was admitted, the style becoming Rohrbach & Sons, who continued to carry on the business until 1883, when the plant was sold to Halfpenny Brothers.

George Rohrbach was an active member of the Lutheran Church and one of the founders of the church of that denomination in Sunbury, in which congregation he served as trustee for a long time and also held other official positions. He married Mary C. Artley, who died in 1887, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. They had a family of nine children, two of whom died in infancy, those who reached maturity being: Clinton D. carried on lumbering and farming as well as the foundry business, and died in Upper Augusta township; he married Sarah Engle. Jacob engaged in the foundry business, was afterward postmaster at Sunbury, subsequently lived in retirement and died in 1911. Elizabeth is the widow of Henry G. Cooper, of Sunbury. Catharine, widow of Harry Bourne, also lives at Sunbury. Lloyd T. was a business man of Sunbury. Edward died at the age of eighteen years. William H. is mentioned below.

William H. Rohrbach was born Feb. 14, 1845, on Chestnut street, Sunbury, and died in that borough Feb. 9, 1898. He learned the trade of molder and long followed the business with which the family has been so closely identified in Sunbury, being connected with his father's foundry for eighteen years. He also acted as bookkeeper for the concern. For eight years he filled the responsible position of superintendent at the Sunbury waterworks. He was quite active in the material improvement of the borough, and erected many houses there as a builder, the house in which his widow now lives, at No. 440 North Eighth street, being in fact the third which he put up for his own use. Thoroughly public-spirited, he took an active part in the promotion of many movements which had the benefit of the community generally for an object, and though he was a shrewd business man he was not selfish in advancing his own interests at the expense of others. He had hosts of friends, and was highly esteemed wherever known. With his family he worshipped at the Lutheran Church, and for years he gave of his time and means to the furtherance of its work, serving many years as deacon and for twenty years as Sunday school superintendent. In politics he was a Republican, and he served in the Union army during the Civil war, under two enlistments.

Mr. Rohrbach married Jennie F. Miller, daughter of William M. and Annie (Strickler) Miller, of Lower Augusta township, and granddaughter of Alexander Strickler, who lived in Sunbury. The following children were born to this union: Lloyd M., who died in infancy; Alexander S., who died when eight months old; Annie E.; Jacob A.;

Franklin L., a graduate of State College, an electrical engineer by profession, and at present engaged as superintendent of a plant at Spokane, Wash. (he is fond of athletics and an able business man); Hattie M.; Charles E. who is an invalid; and Clarence G.

CHAMBERLIN. The Chamberlin family of Shamokin township has been settled in that part of Northumberland county from pioneer days. Joseph Chamberlin, grandfather of Joseph H. Chamberlin and Silas Chamberlain (as one branch of the family writes the name), and of the late Lewis Chamberlin, cousins, all of whom make their homes in Shamokin township, was born in New Jersey, whence he removed to Pennsylvania at an early date, settling on land in Northumberland county now owned by Silas Chamberlain. He had a tract of about two hundred acres, and there he lived and died, reaching the age of eighty-seven years, seven months, fourteen days. Vast improvements were made upon the property during his lifetime. Though frequently in danger of being molested by the Indians in the early days he persevered in the work of clearing his land and getting it under cultivation. He and his wife, Mary (Young), are buried in the cemetery of the Upper Valley M. E. Church. They had the following children: Peter, who died in Jefferson county, Pa.; Rachel; Mrs. Alexander Tharp; Annie, Mrs. Moorey; Huld, Mrs. William Furman; Mary, who married Mahlon Hull; Cabel and Isaac, mentioned below; Lewis, who died in Shamokin township; Lemuel, mentioned below; and Aaron, who died in Shamokin township.

Cabel Chamberlin, son of Joseph, was born in 1813, and died May 2, 1884, aged seventy-one years, four months, one day. He was a farmer, and owned part of the old homestead, the farm having been divided between him and his brother Lemuel. In his young manhood he was engaged in teaching for some time, first in the subscription schools then commonly conducted in this region and later as one of the first teachers under the free school system. He was intelligent and energetic and for many years a leader in his community. On political questions he was a Republican. He died upon his farm, and is buried with his wife, Mary E. (Krissinger), at the Upper Valley M. E. church. She died Nov. 20, 1866, aged fifty-two years, eleven months, fifteen days. Eleven children were born to this worthy couple: Sarah married Isaac D. Kline; Lewis is mentioned below; Elnorah married Jared Haupt; Annie died Nov. 6, 1865, aged twenty-four years; Catharine died April 4, 1864, aged twenty-five years; Hulda died Jan. 20, 1866, aged nineteen years; Emeline married Newton Morgan; John died in 1846, when three years old; Mary Ellen died Aug. 19, 1861, aged six years; Alfred died at Trevorton, Pa.; Oliver died when twenty-two years old.

LEWIS CHAMBERLIN, son of Cabel and Mary E. (Krissinger), was at the time of his death, April 11, 1911, a retired farmer of Shamokin township. He was born there Aug. 7, 1834, and was reared to manhood upon the paternal farm. In 1857 he went to Shamokin borough, where he remained for three years, engaged in running a stationary engine. Returning to his native township, he leased the farm of Michael M. Sober, his father-in-law, and conducted that property for a period of five years as a renter, in 1873 purchasing the tract, which consists of 130 acres of valuable land. It is located in Irish Valley. He erected all new buildings on this farm, and the farm at present is one of the very finest in this section, due to his unremitting and intelligent care. In addition to general farming he made a specialty of dairying for about twenty-five years, selling his milk in Shamokin. Mr. Chamberlin retired from active pursuits in the spring of 1910, his son George W. taking charge of the farm. He always held the respect of his fellow citizens, and was elected school director of his township, filling that position faithfully and efficiently. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a devout member of the M. E. Church, in the work of which he took an active part. He is buried at the Summit church in Shamokin township. Socially he held membership in the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Chamberlin's first wife, Esther (Sober), daughter of Michael M. Sober, died in 1868, leaving three children: Calvin, who died at the age of twenty-three; Ada, who died when five years old; and Ella May, wife of George Lawton, who is in the coal business and lives in Virginia. Mr. Chamberlin's second marriage was to Mrs. Elizabeth (Sober) Drescher, widow of Jacob Drescher, by whom she had these children: Harris M.; Mary E., wife of Lemuel Tharp; Spencer H., of Shamokin; William H., of Shamokin township; Clara, wife of C. C. Wilson; and Jacob G., a teacher of Shamokin township. Two children were born to Lewis and Elizabeth (Sober) Chamberlin: Edward O., who died in 1906; and George W., now engaged in farming the homestead in Shamokin township, who married Ada Scott and has children, Austin L., Wilfred F., Ella G. and Margaret O. Mrs. Lewis Chamberlin died April 8, 1905.

Isaac Chamberlain, son of Joseph, was born May 29, 1814, and died on the old homestead Jan. 8, 1906, in his ninety-second year. He was reared upon the home farm, and farming was his principal work throughout his active years, though in his young manhood he taught school for a time, first in the pay schools and later in the free schools. His wife was also a school teacher in her early years. Mr. Chamberlain was not only one of the best known men in his district, but one of the most highly esteemed, having many friends who ad-

mired and appreciated his sterling qualities. His wife, Mary (Campbell), died May 14, 1885, aged seventy-one years, seven months, nineteen days. They were the parents of four children: Jane is deceased; Silas is mentioned below; Martha is the wife of Tobias Dunkelberger, of Shamokin township; Rhode (deceased) was the wife of Aaron Raker and had a large family, all dying young but one son, Adam G., who died in April, 1911, aged twenty-seven years.

SILAS CHAMBERLAIN was born July 30, 1848, in Shamokin township, and there obtained his education in the public schools. He was reared upon the homestead farm, where he has spent all his life with the exception of four years after his marriage, during which time he was engaged in farming elsewhere. Returning to the old home he took the farm, which originally contained about 130 acres, and has added to his holdings until he now has 160 acres. His industry has been well rewarded, and he is considered one of the substantial farmers of his neighborhood, where his honorable life has gained him high standing personally as well as in a business way.

In 1875 Mr. Chamberlain married Derresa Adams, daughter of David Adams, of Ralpho township, this county. They have had a family of nine children: Lorenzo D. married Mary B. Moore and they have a son, James F.; Ellsworth L. married Maud E. Osmun and they have a son, Lamar Ellsworth; William A. is still at home; Martin L. married Myrtle Hamilton and they have three children, Elwood H., Glendine M. and Cornelia; Keturah L., Adam, Roselda, Evelyn Viola and Ira Rankin are at home. Mr. Chamberlain and his family are members of the M. E. Church. He votes independently, supporting the candidates he considers best regardless of their party affiliations.

Lemuel Chamberlin, son of Joseph, was born Dec. 16, 1823, and lived and died in Shamokin township, passing away Jan. 20, 1906. When a young man he learned wheelwrighting, and for some time followed that trade, eventually buying part of the old homestead, where he followed farming until seventeen years before his death. For four years he lived in Jefferson county, this State, returning thence to the homestead, where he died. On Oct. 17, 1850, Mr. Chamberlin married Margaret Hoffman, daughter of John C. and Catherine (Dunlap) Hoffman. She died July 14, 1889, aged sixty-five years, eight months, seventeen days, the mother of two children, Joseph H. and John M., both residents of Shamokin township. Mr. Chamberlin's second marriage was to Ida Bowers, by whom he had one son, Lemuel M., who is now living in Jefferson county.

JOSEPH H. CHAMBERLIN, son of Lemuel, was born July 31, 1851, in Shamokin township, where he is now engaged in farming. He obtained his

education in the local public schools, and remained at home, assisting his father with the farm work until twenty-four years of age, since when he has been living at his present location. He has a tract of seventy acres, bought of Lewis Chamberlin in 1873, lying along Irish creek, and besides this is half owner of another farm in Shamokin township. In addition to general farming and trucking he has engaged in lumbering to some extent, and has prospered in all his various undertakings. His natural mechanical ability has been of great use to him in his work, enabling him to do many things for himself, and his handiness has not only saved him hiring much work done but has proved convenient in many emergencies. Mr. Chamberlin was one of the organizers of The Irish Valley & Seven Points Telephone Company, and is serving as one of its directors.

Mr. Chamberlin married Margaret C. Grove, who was born May 15, 1856, daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Weary) Grove, of Mahantango Valley, later of Shamokin township, and they have had a large family, born as follows: Elleroy, Dec. 26, 1872 (died Aug. 12, 1876); Margaret E., Dec. 22, 1877 (married Samuel A. Kopenhafer); Mary E., Nov. 21, 1879 (married Frank Fahrensworth); Carrie V., Oct. 3, 1881 (married William A. Snyder); Lettie M., Sept. 5, 1883 (married Emanuel Smith); Hattie L., Jan. 18, 1886; Ellis R., July 10, 1888 (died Jan. 29, 1890); Zella D., Dec. 23, 1890; Percy A., Aug. 20, 1892; Prossie M., Nov. 7, 1893; Florence A., Jan. 28, 1898.

Mr. Chamberlin is an active member of the United Brethren Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has long been prominent in the public affairs of his township, which he has served sixteen years as school director, also holding the offices of treasurer and supervisor. Fraternally he is a Mason, holding membership in Elysburg Lodge, No. 414.

ABRAHAM H. REED, a prosperous farmer of Shamokin township, was born there Nov. 16, 1846, son of Jacob Reed, and is a representative of a family which has been well and favorably known in Northumberland county for over one hundred and thirty-five years. It was founded here by Jacob Reed, whose posterity is now numerous in this section, ranking among the most substantial and useful citizens and most highly respected members of their various communities.

Jacob Reed was born in England in 1700, and married a Miss Wolford, a native of Switzerland. They came to Berks county, Pa., where a son Jacob was born, and later removed to Lebanon, Pa., where a son Casper was born.

Jacob and Casper Reed, brothers, came from Berks county to Northumberland in 1774, being among the early pioneers in the region where they settled. They took up about five hundred acres of

land in what is now Shamokin and Ralpho townships, which land is still owned by their descendants. Jacob Reed was one of the foremost men of his time in the community. He was a skilled mechanic, as a worker both in iron and wood, carrying on such work in connection with farming, having a blacksmith and carpenter shop; he had natural ability as well as training for mechanical work, and was successful and enterprising in everything he undertook. Much of the progress of the valley in his day owed its initiation to him. He was a promoter, in fact the chief advocate for the organization, of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, which was named in his honor, and he was the largest contributor toward its foundation and support, his skill as a tradesman enabling him to do much more than most of the organizers and supporters; his brother, Casper Reed, donated much of the land for the cemetery. In politics Jacob Reed was a Whig.

In Berks county Jacob Reed had married Elizabeth Dreher, and they had a family of nine children: John, Jacob, David, Matthias, Salome (married John Hursh), Catharine (married George Hower), Magdaline (married John Smith), Eva (married Daniel Haas) and Elizabeth (married William H. Muench, a noted schoolmaster of his time).

John Reed, eldest son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dreher) Reed, was born June 5, 1780, upon the homestead at Reed's station, and himself owned the old Reed homestead, which is now the property of the Martz family. He was a well known and highly respected man of his day, and lived to a good old age, dying Aug. 26, 1865, at the age of eighty-five. His wife, Eva G. (Gillinger), born in 1787, died May 11, 1876. They are buried at Reed's church, in Ralpho township. Their children were: Jesse; Maria, Mrs. John Lake; Jacob; Elizabeth, Mrs. Casper Scholl; Hannah, Mrs. Solomon Martz; and Eva C., who married William Zuern, this couple moving to Colorado.

Jacob Reed, son of John Reed, was born at Reed's station in 1812, and died Jan. 10, 1852. He is buried at Reed's church. He took the old homestead, which he cultivated all his life. He married Maria Hoffman, who was born Nov. 13, 1818, and six children were born to this union: Elizabeth, who married Herman Campbell; Jane, who died unmarried; John, who died unmarried; Abraham H.; Lydia, who married Peter Overdorf; and Jacob G., a resident of Sunbury. After Mr. Reed's death Mrs. Reed married (second) Daniel Hummel, who was born Sept. 8, 1814, and died Feb. 10, 1874; she died Jan. 18, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hummel are buried in the United Brethren cemetery in Shamokin township.

Abraham H. Reed obtained his early education in the common schools near his home, and later

went to the academies at Lewisburg and Elysburg. In his early manhood he taught school for three terms, in Shamokin township. He then settled down to farming, locating on his present place near Paxinos, where he erected a fine residence in 1908. All the other buildings on the farm have been improved and kept in excellent condition since the place came into his possession, and he has the reputation of being a thorough business man, which the success of his various undertakings bears out well. He has 130 acres of fine land, all under cultivation, and in agricultural matters and affairs of general interest is considered one of the leading men in his district, a typical member of the substantial old family to which he belongs. He has served as auditor of his township.

Mr. Reed married, Feb. 25, 1875, Lucy A. Boughner, daughter of Peter and Margaret (Reply) Boughner, of Ralpho township, this county. They have no children. Mr. Reed is a Lutheran, holding membership in St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church. Politically he is a Republican.

WILLIAM H. MORGAN, late of Northumberland, was a prosperous merchant of that borough for almost forty years, and at one time served as postmaster there. He was a self-made man, universally respected, and was long classed among the best and most enterprising citizens of his community.

Mr. Morgan was born Oct. 13, 1839, at Northumberland, son of Henry and Sarah Morgan. Both the parents were born and reared in Chillisquaque township, where they lived until their removal to the borough in 1828. They had a family of eight children, of whom Thaddeus G. settled in Chillisquaque township. Martin L., William H. and Mrs. John Ulp lived in Northumberland, and Samuel B. in Watsontown.

William H. Morgan began life humbly. When a boy of thirteen he husked corn for the sum of twenty-five cents a day, and when a few years older drove mule teams for various employers, and was engaged as a clerk in the grocery store of Samuel Burkenbine, at the locks. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the Union service, becoming a member of Company B, 5th Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, the company being commanded by Captain Taggart (who was killed in the war) and composed principally of men from Northumberland and vicinity. Mr. Morgan served three full years, and had a fine record as a soldier. At the second battle of Fredericksburg he was wounded in the foot and captured, being confined for a month in Libby prison.

Returning to Northumberland after the war Mr. Morgan clerked about a year for W. T. Forsyth. In 1865 he and J. C. Forsyth bought the grocery business at the locks, which they carried on in part-

nership until 1875, after which Mr. Morgan continued the store alone until 1885, when he sold out to Evans Brothers. Purchasing the McFarland property on the corner of Queen street and Depot alley, he renovated some parts of the building, converting one room into a store room, and was in the city buying a stock of shoes for the store he expected to open when fire (supposedly of incendiary origin) partly destroyed the building. As it was built of brick, and the fire department responded promptly, it was not ruined, though considerably damaged, and new repairs were necessary. The building was long considered one of the most creditable business and residence structures in the borough, being of substantial construction and well kept up by the owner. Mr. Morgan built up an excellent trade as a shoe merchant, continuing in the business until his death, which occurred Dec. 21, 1904. Meantime, in 1894, during President Cleveland's second administration, he received the appointment of postmaster. By economy and thrift in his younger years he obtained a fair start, and by continued industry and devotion to business he gained substance and standing that made him one of the most esteemed residents of Northumberland, a man looked up to for his honorable life and high standards of conduct. He was a member of the Methodist Church, though his family belong to the Lutheran denomination, and socially was an active member of Capt. James Taggart Post, No. 350, G. A. R., and of the Masonic lodge at Northumberland. At one time he also held membership in the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He had numerous friends.

In 1872 Mr. Morgan married Annie E. Stroh, daughter of John S. Stroh, who came to Pennsylvania in the early days, making the journey in a Conestoga wagon, a favored method of transportation at the time. Mrs. Morgan proved of great assistance to her husband in the conduct of his business. Thirteen children were born to them, two of whom are deceased, the survivors being: Minnie A., wife of Harry Barnhart, living in Point township (she was a trained nurse before her marriage); Gertrude B., who graduated from the Bloomsburg State normal school and was a successful public school teacher for three terms in Michigan before her marriage to Edward Northy, of Calumet, Mich., where they reside; Estelle, married to Homer Derk and residing at Northumberland; Mary J., a seamstress, who lives at home; Sarah, a milliner, of Philadelphia; John S., night clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Sunbury, Pa.; George V., of Northumberland; Elsie, clerk in George M. Howell's store at Northumberland; Rachel C., a clerk in Northumberland; Helen I. and Ruth E., both of whom are attending school.

LLOYD T. ROHRBACH, late of Sunbury, commenced his active career as a lawyer, was for several years in his earlier manhood quite prominent in official—especially court—circles in Northumberland county, and for many years before his decease was one of the foremost business men of this section of Pennsylvania. Though his commercial interests became large and varied, he always kept in touch with the public and political life of the county, and for years was one of the most valuable workers in the Republican party in the State. He was born Jan. 22, 1839, in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and died at his home on Chestnut street, in the borough of Sunbury, March 8, 1909.

The Rohrbach family is of German origin and its members were among the early settlers of eastern Pennsylvania. The grandfather of Lloyd T. Rohrbach lived and labored in that section, devoting himself to his business affairs. He was a successful and influential man of his day, although he had no aspirations toward public honors and took no part in anything outside of his private interests. For many years he conducted a charcoal furnace in conjunction with farming. He married Catherine Fenstermacher, and to them was born a large family.

George Rohrbach, father of Lloyd T. Rohrbach, was born in 1808 in Columbia county, Pa. He early became interested in the iron industry and continued to follow the foundry and furnace business all his active days. In 1838 he moved to Northumberland county, locating in Upper Augusta township, where he resided a few years, afterward removing to Sunbury. There he lived for more than half a century, until his death, in 1894. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church and one of the founders of the church of that denomination in Sunbury, in which congregation he served as trustee for a long time and also held other official position. He married Mary C. Artley, who died in 1887, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. They had a family of nine children, two of whom died in infancy, those who reached maturity being: Clinton, carried on lumbering and farming as well as the foundry business, and died in Upper Augusta township; he married Sarah Engle. Jacob engaged in the foundry business, was afterward postmaster at Sunbury, and subsequently lived in retirement. Elizabeth is the widow of Thomas G. Cooper, of Sunbury. Catherine, widow of Harry Bourne, also lives at Sunbury. Lloyd T. is mentioned below. Edward died at the age of eighteen years. William was engaged in the foundry business for many years and later was superintendent at the Sunbury waterworks.

Lloyd T. Rohrbach began his education in the public schools of Sunbury, receiving his higher training at the Missionary Institute (now known



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as Susquehanna University) at Selinsgrove, from which he was graduated in 1861, and at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, where he spent the freshman year of his college life, finishing at Selinsgrove. In April, 1861, he became a soldier in the Union army, becoming a member of Company F, 11th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, of which company he served as clerk. During his service of about three months he took part in the battle of Falling Waters, Md. Going to Harrisburg, he was assigned to a position in the auditor general's office. On his return to Sunbury he taught school in the old academy which stood on the present site of the former Masonic Temple building on Third street, and took up the study of law in the office of Horatio Wolverton, finishing his legal course with Judge William M. Rockefeller, of Sunbury. He was admitted to the bar of this county in 1865 and began the practice of his profession in Sunbury, giving the greater part of his time and attention to law work until 1872. During this time he had won a place in the confidence of his fellow citizens and become very well known, his success being notable. Meantime, however, he had begun his association with the official life of the county. In 1868 he was appointed United States commissioner, which office he continued to fill until he resigned it in 1872 to take that of prothonotary and clerk of Orphans' court, to which he had been elected. By reelection, in 1875, he was continued in that position for six years in all. Though a Republican in a county conceded at the time to have a normal Democratic majority of from 1,200 to 1,500 votes, Mr. Rohrbach was first elected by a majority of 600 and reelected by a majority of 300. Though not much in office after giving up his court work he continued to hold an influential place in the councils of his party, local, State and national, until the end of his active life, was a Presidential elector in 1892, and in 1896 was a prominent candidate for the nomination for State treasurer; he had a strong following, but withdrew his name before the balloting began. He served several years as member of the Sunbury school board.

The extensive business interests, gradually acquired by Mr. Rohrbach after he entered business life in 1878, in time came to require the principal part of his time and it was probably in this connection that he made his widest reputation. In 1878 he began the manufacture of lime, in conjunction therewith also dealing in coal and ice, and he continued that business with some variations as long as he was in active association with such interests. Several years before his retirement he gave up the lime business, carrying on the ice and coal trade and the manufacture of brick, in which he was interested with his two sons. No man in Sunbury was more prominently identified with undertakings of importance in the

industrial development of the borough. He was interested in the Sunbury Nail, Bar and Guide Iron Manufacturing Company, of which he was treasurer, and assisted in organizing, in 1882, the Sunbury Water Company, now grown to vast proportions, which he served as secretary and treasurer.

About four years before his death, which occurred March 8, 1909, at his home on Chestnut street, Sunbury, Mr. Rohrbach retired, being incapacitated by ill health to such an extent that he took no further part in affairs of importance. Of his previous activity the *Sunbury Daily Item* said at the time of his death: "While his business interests were multiple, he attended to the exacting details with a master hand and rare ability, and enjoyed the proud distinction of having the unmeasured confidence and esteem of the public at large. He was always quick to further any project having for its object the betterment of the community's interests. * * * The deceased lived a life that was crowded with many accomplishments and good deeds. To his friends he was stanch and true, in spite of any ordeals that might spring up, and never turned a deaf ear when appealed to for a favor or helping hand. He was a public benefactor in all that it implies, regardless of his personal interests. In his home life he was a kind, devoted husband and father."

Though always progressive and aggressive in his business life to such an extent that his success seemed inevitable, Mr. Rohrbach was always pleasant and cordial in his manner and genial to all with whom he came in contact, finding time for the amenities as well as the necessities of existence, and making himself agreeable in all his relations. Temperate in his acts and principles, large-hearted and liberal in his views, he was not only a citizen valued in his own community, but one who would have been an accession to any community. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and one of its leading workers and supporters, serving many years as elder of that congregation. Socially he belonged to Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M., and to the Masonic chapter. He was buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery, and during the funeral the prothonotary's office was closed as a mark of respect to one who had worthily filled the office in his day.

On Dec. 20, 1866, Mr. Rohrbach was married to Jennie C. Haas, who was born Nov. 6, 1846, and died April 10, 1902. They were the parents of three children: John Haas (deceased), George Edward and William R.

JOHN HAAS, father of the late Mrs. Lloyd T. Rohrbach, was born June 22, 1822, in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, one of the eleven children of Daniel and Eva (Reed) Haas. His early days were spent on his father's farm, but when a young man he engaged in the mercan-

tile business and in coal mining, spending many years at the latter business. He was a member of the firms of John Haas & Co. and Haas & Fagely, of Shamokin, both well known concerns in their day. Retiring from the coal business in 1875, he became interested in the Sunbury Nail Works, with which he was identified until 1894, resigning the position of president that year. His other business associations were numerous and important. He was president of the Sunbury Water Company, a director of the First National Bank, one of the first directors of the Shamokin, Sunbury & Lewisburg Railroad, and for many years president of the board of directors of the Missionary Institute (now Susquehanna University), at Selinsgrove. He was also prominent in religious work, serving thirty-five years as elder in the Lutheran Church of Sunbury, and for thirty years he was superintendent of the Sunday school of that church. In politics he was a Republican.

Mr. Haas married Mary Gheen, and they had a family of four children: John Packer, born Sept. 30, 1849, now deceased; Jennie Clementine, who became the wife of Lloyd T. Rohrbach; Mary Alice, who was the wife of the late Dr. C. M. Martin; and Louisa, who died in infancy.

GEORGE EDWARD ROHRBACH, son of Lloyd T. Rohrbach, was born in Sunbury Nov. 24, 1869. He received his education in the public schools there and gained a thorough business training as assistant to his father. At the age of eighteen years he became a member of the firms of Lloyd T. Rohrbach & Sons and the Sunbury Water Company, retaining his connection with the former concern until 1909, when he sold his interest therein to his brother, William R. When he entered the firm it was extensively engaged in dealing in coal and ice (now handling ice only), the wholesale coal business being relinquished in January, 1903, when George E. Rohrbach became manager of the Sunbury Water Company. Mr. Rohrbach has continued his interest in the Sunbury Water Company, of which concern—now grown to large proportions—he is secretary; is a director of the First National Bank of Sunbury; and has large holdings in a Southern lumber concern. He has devoted considerable time to local matters affecting the general welfare, having served since 1903 as a trustee of the Mary M. Packer hospital (succeeding his father on the board), was a member of the borough council for eight years, from 1896 to 1904, and has been an active worker in the Republican party, serving as committeeman for the First ward. He has numerous social connections, being a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; the Temple Club; Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. E., of which he is a past exalted ruler; and the Conclave. He is a trustee of the First

Presbyterian Church, with which he and his wife unite.

On Christmas Day, 1905, Mr. Rohrbach married Laura Irene Welker, daughter of Cares and Abbie (Clement) Welker, of Sunbury. They reside in the homestead of his father on Chestnut street. Mrs. Rohrbach is a member of Fort Augusta Chapter, D. A. R., of Sunbury, and is prominent in social and civic circles. She manifests at all times an intelligent and devoted interest in the affairs of her husband, to whom she is a charming companion.

WILLIAM R. ROHRBACH, son of Lloyd T. Rohrbach, was born in Sunbury, March 5, 1876. He graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1895, and the same fall entered Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa. He entered Bucknell College, at Lewisburg, Pa., in 1899, and graduated in 1900, after which he became connected with his father, Lloyd T. Rohrbach, in 1901 becoming a member of the firm of Lloyd T. Rohrbach & Sons, in the wholesale ice business. In 1902 he became secretary of the Sunbury Water Company and in 1909 assumed the duties of treasurer and general manager of that company, buying out his father's and brother's interest in both the water company and the firm of Lloyd T. Rohrbach & Sons. Since that time he has continued the business successfully, displaying ability and initiative in his enterprise.

Socially Mr. Rohrbach is a member of MacLay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M.; of Williamsport Consistory, and of Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Wilkes Barre, Pa. He is also a member of the Alpha Tau Omega and T. & N. E. fraternities, at Gettysburg, Pa.; the I. O. O. F. and Encampment, the Temple Club of Sunbury; the Sons of Veterans, and the Conclave. In politics he is a Republican.

On June 10, 1902, Mr. Rohrbach married Hannah Derr, daughter of John F. and Susan (Knight) Derr, and they have two children, Lloyd Derr and Mary Elizabeth. In 1911 Mr. Rohrbach completed his handsome residence on Market street, Sunbury, a Colonial mansion, and one of the most up-to-date homes in central Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL EGOLFF MAY, engineer of the borough of Shamokin, is a representative of a profession indispensable to the opening and upbuilding of a town or country. He is a member of a family whose early home was in England, and he was born in Shamokin Oct. 8, 1876, son of Maj. James and Mary G. (Snyder) May.

Joseph May, his great-grandfather, came to America from England, accompanied by his wife, whose maiden name was Anna George. They located in Schuylkill county, Pa., but later moved to Canada, where both died.

Isaac May, son of Joseph and Anna, was born in Cornwall, England, March 18, 1819. After

coming to the New World, he was employed in the coal mines in Schuylkill county, Pa., and later in the lead mines at Galena, Ill. After some time spent at the latter place, he returned to Schuylkill county, and again entered the mines. In 1864 he located in Shamokin, and as the head of the firm of May, Patterson & Co. operated for ten years the Buck Ridge colliery, which was afterward carried on by May, Audenried & Co. He then leased and operated the Burnside for six years, after which, under the name of Isaac May & Co., he leased and operated the Morris Ridge colliery for several years. This ended his active participation in business. He was once the owner of the Maysville tract where Maysville Park, named after him, is situated. Outside his coal interests he was engaged actively and officially with several financial institutions, being a director of the Northumberland County National Bank, president of the Miners' Trust & Safe Deposit Company, one of the originators of the First National Bank and its second president. He married Mary Sterling, daughter of John and Sarah Sterling, of Berks county, Pa., and they had fourteen children, among whom were James, Elizabeth (Mrs. H. W. Morgan), Isaac, Jr., Emma (who married A. D. Allen and later M. M. Markle), Jennie (Mrs. A. A. Heizman), Ida (who married J. F. Graeber and later Thomas O'Connor), Susan (Mrs. W. W. Ryon), George, Joseph, Carrie and Laura (Mrs. D. J. Driscoll). Mr. May was a Republican in politics, and a Methodist in religious faith. Mrs. May was a member of St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church at Shamokin.

Maj. James May, son of Isaac, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., Dec. 4, 1843, and there attended school and grew to manhood. In 1861 he enlisted in Company E, 48th Pa. Vol. Inf., and participated in a number of the noted engagements of the Civil war, among these being Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, the Wilderness (where he won a second lieutenant's commission), Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg Mine, Knoxville, Loudon, Campbell Station and Petersburg. In the latter engagement he was promoted to first lieutenant, and as such completed his term of enlistment, serving throughout the war. In 1867 he joined the Pennsylvania National Guard, becoming first lieutenant of the Shamokin Guards, later captain, and finally major, serving in the latter capacity twelve years. After his return from the war he was engaged in a mercantile business until 1871, when with his father he began the operation of the Burnside colliery. He was also interested in the Morris Ridge colliery, under the firm name of Isaac May & Co., which later dissolved, after which Morris Ridge colliery was operated by May, Troutman & Co., with Maj. James May as senior partner. He died Sept. 29, 1905, and is buried in St. Edward's cemetery, Shamokin,

Pa. Major May was prominent in public life, and served the borough three years in the council, and was treasurer of the Home Building and Loan Association. He was a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and of Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R. Gov. R. E. Pattison appointed Major May one of a commission to locate the position of the 48th Regiment during the battle of Antietam, upon which ground a monument was erected; it was unveiled Oct. 17, 1904. In politics he was a Republican. His religious connection was with St. Edward's Catholic Church. On Jan. 31, 1866, he married in Shamokin, Pa., Mary Gillen Snyder, daughter of John A. and Catherine Styles (Egolff) Snyder, and ten of their twelve children reached mature years namely: Catherine, born Nov. 26, 1866, married May 2, 1893, William A. Mullen, of Shamokin, a powder manufacturer, and they have had two children, John, born in 1894 at Shamokin, and Mary May, born Dec. 25, 1895, the latter of whom died March 7, 1910, and is buried in St. Edward's cemetery at Shamokin. Louise, born March 20, 1870, is the wife of Frank K. Conley, a hardware merchant at Shamokin, and they have had one child, which died in infancy. Elizabeth Egolff, born Jan. 8, 1872, married J. Edward Gilger, of Shamokin, a clerk in the Shamokin post office, and they have had four children, William Mullen, Margaret May, and James May and Edward, twins. Margaret, born Aug. 5, 1873, is the wife of J. A. Shephard, of the Wood, Shephard Varnish Company, of New York, Mr. Shephard being the patentee of Shephard's Paragon Varnish; Mr. and Mrs. Shephard have no children. Charles Heizmann, born March 2, 1875, a druggist at Shamokin, married Catharine M. Morris, of Shamokin, and they have had two children, Richard Morris and Eleanor Claire. Samuel Egolff was born Oct. 8, 1876. Richard Francis, born Aug. 17, 1878, is unmarried, and is a mining engineer at Shamokin. Jeanne, born Dec. 4, 1881, married Dr. G. O. Roberts, of Savannah, Ga., a dentist at Shamokin, and they have had one child, Louise May. Eleanor Claire, born Jan. 25, 1884, and James Isaac, born April 4, 1890, are unmarried. The latter assists his brother Samuel Egolff May. The mother of this family, Mrs. Mary G. May, still resides at Shamokin.

Samuel Egolff May has been well fitted for the responsibilities of his position, his practical experience and his school training both tending to place him at the top of his profession. He has made a careful study of all branches from the construction of roads to sewerage and the building of waterworks, and his work has won him a high reputation. He has been borough engineer since 1905, and has done a great deal of work for the county.

Mr. May is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the B. P. O.

Elks, Sons of Veterans and West End Fire Company, and enjoys high social standing.

EGOLFF FAMILY—an introduction to a part of the Egolff family, and some of their descendants (written in 1896): "The history of the Egolff family is quite a lengthy one, although I intend to bring up only the descendants of one branch of the family; I have, of course, reference to one of the branches that go back in a lineal line to the first Egolff that landed in the Province of Pennsylvania in 1746. The history of this one branch will, however, be found sufficiently long, as it reaches to the seventh generation now in this year of grace 1896.

"Michael Egolff, 1st. (On the documents contained in the German Bible which was printed in 1746, in possession of William and Barbara Egolff, at Carlisle, the name Egolff is always written with a ff at the end of the name.)

"Michael Egolff, 1st, was the oldest son of Michael and Agatha Egolff. He was born at Engstadt, in the district of Bahlinger, in the Duchy of Wittenberg, on the 26th of April, 1693. His mother died in 1698, when he was five years of age; his father died in 1734, thirty-six years after the death of his mother.

"Michael Egolff, 1st, was a cooper by trade. He was married to Mary Voutsh on the 10th of April, 1735, in the church of Engstadt; his wife Mary Voutsh was born on the 27th of July, 1704, and was consequently eleven years younger than her husband.

"The name of his father-in-law (his wife's father) was Martin Voutsh, a citizen and farmer at Engstadt; the maiden name of his mother-in-law (his wife's mother) was Mary Reisbein, who it is said died a premature death when her daughter Mary was but six years of age.

"Michael and Mary Egolff, 1st, had ten children, four of whom died in their infancy. The births and names of those that died in their infancy are not given on the original documents. The following is the order in which those that grew up were born: (1) Michael Egolff, 2d, was born at Engstadt, on the 2d of October, 1727. (2) Balthaser Egolff, 2d, was born at Engstadt, on the 8th of May, 1729. (3) John Egolff, 2d, was born at Engstadt, on the 11th of August, 1732. (4) Mary Egolff, 2d, was born at Engstadt, on the 9th of May, 1738. (5) Martin Egolff, 2d, was born at Engstadt, on the 8th of October, 1742. (6) Anna Elizabeth Egolff, 2d, was born in all probability at Philadelphia on the 15th of October, 1747.

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"During the fall of 1745 Michael Egolff, 1st, conceived the idea of emigrating to the English Province of Pennsylvania in North America with his family. They left their native town of Engstadt, as well as relations and friends, in the month

of March or April, 1746, and journeyed to Rotterdam, one of the seaports of Holland; the name of the ship on which they embarked was 'Mary Gallen'; William Wilson was the name of the captain. They must have been on the ocean considerably over one hundred days, for they did not arrive at Philadelphia until about the 20th of September of that year. On the 27th of September, just a few days after they had landed, Michael Egolff, 1st, was qualified as a British subject, which was the custom then according to the laws of Great Britain. They were also going to qualify Michael Egolff, 2d, thinking him to be old enough, but after ascertaining his age, and finding him too young, they abandoned it. (Some of the above information, in regard to their landing in Philadelphia and being qualified as British subjects, can be found in Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Vol. 17, page 225.)

"Of the movements of Michael Egolff, 1st, with his family we have information. His three oldest sons were pretty well grown up when he arrived in this country. According to the traditions in the family, he remained at Philadelphia for some years. Whether he and his wife ever left the city is not known, but his children, or some of them, after having been in the city for some years, pushed up into the country, into Lancaster, Berks and Montgomery counties, for it appears there are quite a number of Egolffs, down in that part of the State. So far we have no account that ever any Egolff settled in Cumberland county except Michael Egolff, 2d. What year he came to the county is not known, probably between 1780 and 1785. The name of Egolff can not be found in the archives of Cumberland until 1784 or 1785. It appears that all the Egolffs through Cumberland, Franklin and Perry counties, etc., spring from one branch of the family, namely, that of Michael Egolff, 2d.

"In stating in the above paragraph that Michael Egolff, 2d, was the ancestor of all the Egolffs in this part of the State, it will be understood that Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, was supposed to be one of his sons, although we have no absolute or authentic proof that he was (the matter is being investigated). Should it, however, be proved that he was not a son of Michael Egolff, 2d, then the descendants of the Egolff family in this part of the State would spring from two branches, namely, Michael Egolff, 2d, and one of his brothers (2d), whatever one would be proved to have been the father of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d. The descendants of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, are much more numerous in this part of the State than those of the other branch.

"Now we come to Michael Egolff, 2d, who is the only Egolff we know of that came to Cumberland county. Michael Egolff, 2d, as we have seen, was the oldest son of Michael and Mary Voutsh Egolff, 1st.

He was born on the 2d of October, 1727, and was nineteen years of age when his father landed in this country. He had learned the coopering trade with his father. He was married to Elizabeth (her family name is not given), of Dellenburg, in Nassau, on the 14th of January, 1757. It was supposed they were married at Philadelphia. They had ten children, of whom two died in their infancy. There is no record of the births or names of the children, and the following imperfect record of them is from family tradition, with the supposition that he was the father of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3rd: (1) I will begin with Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, who was born in 1759. (2) Joseph Egolff, 3d, who was born on the 16th of November, 1765 (William and Barbara Egolff, 4th, children of Joseph Egolff, 3d, who are still living at an advanced age in this year of grace 1896, say that they think their father was born in Philadelphia; if it will be proved that Michael Egolff, 2d, was the father of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, then there is no doubt that he also was born there, as he was born six years before his supposed brother Joseph). (3) Jacob Egolff, 3d (it is not known when he was born). (4) Michael Egolff, 3d (it is not known when he was born). (5) Polly (or Mary) Egolff, 3d (it is not known when she was born).

"In the above we have five of the eight children of Michael and Elizabeth Egolff, 2d, accounted for; the investigation mentioned, if successful, will probably bring the other three to light. With this I will close with Michael Egolff, 2d. His wife Elizabeth died at Carlisle in 1795, and he died on Wednesday, April 9th, 1817, at the very advanced age of ninety years, having been born on the 2d of October, 1727. They are both buried at the old graveyard at Carlisle.

"I will now begin with the third generation, which brings us a little nearer home. I will take them up in regular order, and give such information as is at my command concerning them, and will close with Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, and his family.

"Polly (or Mary) Egolff, 3d, a daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Egolff, 2d: Concerning her and her descendants I know but very little. Her marriage to Thomas Mattheson on the 3d of July, 1795, is recorded at the parsonage of the First Presbyterian Church at Carlisle. They had some children. He was a nephew of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d. I was informed that the descendants of the Matthesons were numerous, some of them living north of Carlisle, some in Perry county, and others farther west.

"Joseph Egolff, 3d, son of Michael and Elizabeth Egolff, 2d: Of him I knew but little or nothing. I do not know whether he was older or younger than Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d. I do not know when or where he was born. All I know concern-

ing him is that he was never married and that he made his home with the Goshert family, and that he died at their house about 1837 or 1838 (the home of the Goshert family was three or four miles north of St. Thomas, Franklin Co., Pa.). I do not know what age he was. He is buried at the Southern graveyard at St. Thomas.

"Michael Egolff, 3d: He is supposed to have been a son of Michael and Elizabeth Egolff, 2d, but when and where he was born is not known, nor do I know whether he was a mechanic or a farmer. He had a family. I only know from family tradition that he lived and died near Mercersburg. Do not know what became of his family after his death. We have accounts of what might be supposed to be two Michael Egolffs, 3d. They were no doubt one and the same person. In the history of Cumberland and Adams counties, printed in 1886 (second part, pages 101 and 102), it is stated that among the members of one of the companies that went from Carlisle to assist in subduing the Whiskey Insurrection in the western part of the State, in 1794, were Joseph and Michael Egolff; they were supposed to have been brothers. The Michael Egolff, 3d, referred to above, in or near Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa., where he died prior to 1832, was a brother of Henry Egolff, 3d, and is supposed to have been the same Michael Egolff, 3d, that was in service during the Whiskey Insurrection. The investigation referred to will probably throw the desired light on this subject.

"Joseph Egolff, 3d, a son of Michael and Elizabeth Egolff, 2d, is supposed to have been born (at Philadelphia) on the 16th of November, 1765. He was a saddler by trade. It is not known when he came to Carlisle, but it is quite likely that he came there with his parents about 1780 or 1785. He carried on his trade in Carlisle for many years. He was married twice. The family name of his first wife was Catherine Roads. It is not known what year he was married the first time. They had two children, a son and a daughter; the daughter died in her infancy, the son's name was John, 4th. He died at Harrisburg on the 5th of November, 1834, and was buried at Carlisle. At the time of the Whiskey Insurrection in the western part of the State, in 1794, as we have seen above, he was in that service with one of the Carlisle companies; they were only in service about two months, from the 1st of October to the 5th of December, of the same year, on which date they were discharged. [Refer to the History of Cumberland and Adams counties, as requested above.]

"Whether Joseph Egolff, 3d, was single, married or a widower when he entered the service at the time of the Whiskey Insurrection is not known to the writer. He was married the second time to Miss Barbara Loose, on the 12th of September, 1810. By this marriage, so far as my information goes, there were five children, three sons and two

daughters; the names of these children are Michael, William, Joseph, Elizabeth and Barbara. I will now give short sketches of the children of Joseph and Barbara Loose Egolff, 3d.

"(1) Michael Egolff, 4th, was the oldest of Joseph and Barbara Egolff's family. He was born at Carlisle in 1811. When, in 1832, he became of age, he engaged in the mercantile business in his native town, in which he, however, only continued until July, 1833, when he discontinued the business. He was married to Miss Mary McManus, a daughter of Carmack McManus, on March the 23d, 1835, by the Rev. Mr. Ulrich. Carmack McManus was one of the prominent members of the Catholic Church at Carlisle; his daughter Mary could not have been a Catholic, as the Rev. Mr. Ulrich was the Lutheran minister at Carlisle. Michael Egolff, 4th, resides at Albany, N. Y., where he has resided for many years. I am not able to say what year he left Carlisle. His descendants are quite numerous there, in children, 5th, grandchildren, 6th, and great-grandchildren, 7th. He is still in the enjoyment of good health in this year of grace 1896, at the advanced age of eighty-five years.

"(2) Joseph Egolff, 4th, is probably next in age to his brother Michael. I am not able to say what he follows. He was married in the month of June, 1837, to Susana Mickey, of Perry county. He resides at Reading, where he has a family of children, 5th, and grandchildren, 6th.

"(3) William Egolff, 4th, was born at Carlisle in 1819. He has resided at Carlisle all his life. He resides with his sister Barbara. They keep a private boarding house. William Egolff is now, in this year of grace 1896, seventy-eight years of age. He is quite feeble, but is able to be about. He was never married.

"(4) Miss Barbara Egolff, 4th, was born at Carlisle, where she has resided all the time, as stated above. She and her brother William reside together. She was never married. She is a very pleasant conversationalist and enjoys very good health for a lady that is past seventy-two years of age.

"(5) Miss Elizabeth Egolff, 4th: Of her I can say but very little. She died a few years ago and is buried at the old graveyard at Carlisle. She was never married.

"Joseph Egolff was in very comfortable circumstances, and was very much respected among his fellow citizens. He owned several properties in the town of Carlisle. In the month of March, 1826, he was nominated for town council and held other responsible places of trust. His second wife died in 1845 and he having a paralytic stroke was confined to the house for four or five years, when in 1850 he followed his wife to the grave at the advanced age of eighty-five years. They are both buried at the old graveyard at Carlisle. With this

I will conclude the history of Joseph Egolff, 3d, and his family.

"To all those who are lineal descendants of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, the following will be the most interesting part of this investigation and history, namely, the biographical sketch of himself and his family.

"Henry Egolff, 3d, was a son of Michael and Elizabeth Egolff. His birthplace is no doubt Philadelphia, where he was born about the year 1759. We have seen that Joseph Egolff, 3d, a brother of his, was born in 1765, at Philadelphia also; and as Henry was six years older than his brother Joseph there is scarcely any doubt but he was born at Philadelphia. Of his early life we have little or no information. We do not know whether he had learned the trade of his father, namely, that of a cooper, or learned some other trade; or whether he followed the business that we find him employed in during the most active part of his life, namely, that of a farmer and teamster. We are informed through family tradition that his father, although a cooper by trade, followed farming. It is quite likely that he was with his father on the farm until he got married. We have no means of knowing where his father was engaged in farming, whether in one of the lower counties of the State or near Carlisle. We first come across Henry's name on the military roll of the Pennsylvania volunteers who had enlisted to free the thirteen colonies in North America from the tyrannical yoke of Great Britain. Whether his father still resided at Philadelphia at the time of his enlistment or had gone to one of the neighboring counties west of Philadelphia we do not know. We know from public documents of the State archives that he was still in the service of the government on the 1st of January, 1781. He was among the number who received depreciation pay. They were determined that they should receive what they had been promised, dollar for dollar, and not with money that they could only pass for forty or fifty cents on the dollar. He also received a pension by the general as well as by the State government. The official information in regard to Grandfather Henry Egolff and his confreres in the service during the Revolution will be found in Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Vol. 13, page 64.

"About two years after peace was declared, namely, in 1785, we find his name in the archives of Cumberland county. After the war of independence he returned to his home, to enjoy the fruits of his valor. He had bought about six acres of land from James Duncan. The land was not far from the town of Carlisle. The old homestead where he lived with his wife is on the Walnut Bottom road, something less than a mile from town. The old log house, which was afterward weather-boarded, was torn down a few years ago and replaced by a brick house. He was at this

time about twenty-six years of age and in all probability single yet. His father, Michael Egolff, 2d, had no doubt now come to Cumberland county, if not with all at least with some of his children.

"It is not known what year he was married. What is to be regretted the most is that we have no information at all respecting his wife. We do not know her family nor her Christian name. Their oldest child, Valentine, was born in 1790. We may reasonably suppose that they were married sometime in the year 1789.

"From the conversations that I can remember by Mother Green, he lived with his family on the little farm he had bought near town, where it is supposed he went soon after they were married. He farmed in the summer; during the winter he would be engaged in teaming from Baltimore or Philadelphia to Carlisle and other neighboring towns, and later on, when the turnpikes were made westward, he sometimes went as far as Pittsburgh.

"They had eight children, two sons and six daughters. There are only two or three of them the date of whose birth I know very near, the rest I must put down promiscuously. The names of the children are as follows: Valentine Egolff, 4th, was born in 1790, at Carlisle (died in 1832); Mary Egolff, 4th, was born near Carlisle, in 1793; Henry Egolff, 4th, was born near Carlisle (date of birth not known); Genevieve Egolff, 4th, was born near Carlisle (date of birth not known); Catherine Egolff, 4th, Sarah Egolff, 4th, Jane Egolff, 4th, were born near Carlisle (dates of birth not known); Malinda Egolff, 4th, is supposed to have been born in 1808, near Carlisle.

"I will now give some short biographical sketches of the above mentioned children and their respective families, as well as I am able, and then resume and finish the biographical sketch of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, himself.

"Valentine Egolff, 4th, the oldest child of Henry Egolff, 3d, and his wife, was born on the little farm of his parents near Carlisle in 1790. I am not able to say whether he had any trade or not. He was a farmer. It is stated that he married young. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Martin in 1803. She came to America from Belfast, Ireland, in 1800 A. D., settled in Carlisle, Pa. Her father's name was David Martin. Mother's name Elizabeth McCollough. They had six children, three sons and three daughters; their names were as follows: Rebecca, 5th. Samuel, 5th. Elizabeth, 5th. David, 5th. John, 5th, and Catherine Styles, 5th. (1) Rebecca Egolff, 5th, was married on the 18th of December, 1838, to Daniel Bailey; Daniel and Rebecca (Egolff, 5th) Bailey were the parents of David Bailey, 6th. David is about fifty-five or fifty-six years of age. He is a widower and has four children (7th) living, two sons and two daughters. They are all grown up. David is an ardent member of the G. A. R. and I think is

holding some distinguished office in the organization. He lost an arm in the Civil war. He seems to be very comfortably fixed at Carlisle. I cannot say whether David Bailey, 6th, has any brothers or sisters or not. (2) Samuel Egolff, 5th, son of Valentine Egolff, 4th, was never married. He was of a rather roving disposition. I am not able to say whether he had a trade or not. He was the owner of five teams which traded between Carlisle and Philadelphia, Baltimore and Pittsburg. I saw his name enrolled on an old list of the Union Fire Company at Carlisle. He died and was buried at Battle Mountain, Nev., about the year 1890. (3) Elizabeth Egolff, 5th, daughter of Valentine and Elizabeth (Martin) Egolff, 4th, was born at Carlisle in May, 1821. She was married to David Snyder at Carlisle, Pa., in October, 1840. They have descendants as follows: Sarah Egolff Snyder (6th), born in August, 1841, died in January, 1856, at Carlisle, unmarried. Rachel Snyder (6th), born Oct. 13, 1843, still living in this year (1911), married first Lieut. Harrison Fostick, U. S. A., who was born in 1833 and died in August, 1866, at Washington, D. C. (he was buried in the Ashland cemetery at Carlisle); her second marriage, which took place at Carlisle Jan. 9, 1872, was to Lewis Bosh, who died at Chambersburg, Pa., Aug. 9, 1872, and is buried in the Ashland cemetery at Carlisle. Rebecca Snyder (6th), born at Carlisle in August, 1845, died at Carlisle and is buried there; she married Henry Kaufman, commissary sergeant, U. S. A., who is still living (1911), and of this union two children were born, of whom Charles William (7th), born May 23, 1863, now foreman in the Linder shoe factory at Carlisle, married Sarah Speck, of Carlisle, in November, 1890; they have no children. Jesse H. Snyder (6th), born Nov. 25, 1849, a farmer near Carlisle in this year of grace (1911) married Laura Gosh, of Carlisle, Pa., and had eight children, 7th, all born at Carlisle, namely: Harrison Fostick, Lewis Bosh. Mary May (Mrs. Fleegal, born in March, 1876). Elizabeth Egolff (Mrs. Garret). Rachel Armstrong (born March 1, 1884), John Stotts (born July 29, 1888), Jessie Yates (born in November, 1891), and Charles Kaufman (born April 9, 1894). (4) David Egolff, 5th, son of Valentine and Elizabeth (Martin) Egolff, 4th, was born at Carlisle. He was a saddler and harnessmaker. He had learned his trade with his granduncle, Joseph Egolff, 3d. His name is also on the same firemen's roll that his brother Samuel's is on. I also saw his name among a list of jurymen of Cumberland county. He went to Illinois some time early in the forties and was married there to Mary Madden, of Galena, Ill. No children. He was postmaster at Galena, Illinois, for some time, but when the California gold fever broke out in 1848 he could not resist the temptation and accordingly

in 1849 he left Galena for California with his family, where he died in 1869, at Oleta, Cal. (5) John Egolff, 5th, son of Valentine and Elizabeth (Martin) Egolff, 4th, was born at Carlisle, where he resided all his life. I am not able to say whether he had a trade or not. He married Elizabeth Sparr at Carlisle about 1850. They had a large family of children (6th) and grandchildren (7th). His son Cyrus lives in the same log house in which his grandfather, Valentine Egolff, 4th, lived and died. The house is still in a very good state of preservation and promises to stand for many years yet. John Egolff, 5th, died in 1880; do not know what his age was. Cannot say whether his wife is still living in this year of grace, 1896, or not. They had ten children. (6) Catherine Styles Egolff, 5th, a daughter of Valentine and Elizabeth (Martin) Egolff, 4th, was born at Carlisle Dec. 25, 1825; died at Shamokin, Pa., Oct. 20, 1890. She was married Oct. 18, 1845, at Carlisle, Pa., by Rev. Father P. Maher, Catholic Rector, to John A. Snyder, a brother of David Snyder, who is married to her sister Elizabeth. They have descendants as follows: Mary G. Snyder May (6th), born July 19, 1846, at Carlisle; Samuel Egolff Snyder (6th), born Jan. 3, 1848, at Carlisle; Edw. Helfenstine Snyder (6th), born Sept. 6, 1850, at Carlisle; Martin McCullough Snyder (6th), born Jan. 29, 1854; John Patrick Snyder (6th), born June 15, 1858, at Shamokin; James Harrison Snyder (6th), born May 3, 1862 (died Feb. 16, 1864); George Britten Snyder (6th), born Sept. 24, 1864 (died July 14, 1891, at Shamokin). Of this family, Mary G. Snyder, the eldest daughter, married Maj. James May.

"Valentine Egolff, 4th, had considerable financial difficulties during his life. He died at Carlisle of the smallpox on the 10th of December, 1832, at the age of forty-two years (ten days before the death of his brother-in-law, Edward Green). He is buried at the old graveyard at Carlisle. I am not able to say when his wife died. With this closes the biographical sketch of Valentine Egolff, 4th, including his children as well as some of his grandchildren, and also some of his great-grandchildren down to the seventh generation.

"Mary Egolff, 4th: As she is the immediate ancestor of my family on my wife's side and the biographical sketch of her family and her descendants for several generations will make a long chapter, I will give the sketches of her brothers and sisters first, and then close up with her own.

"Henry Egolff, 4th, was born at his father's home at Carlisle. I cannot say when he was born. He was a cripple from his infancy. I was informed that when he was lying in his cradle a drunken man, an acquaintance of the family, came to the house and stumbling over the cradle, fell heavily on the child, injuring him to such an extent that he was a cripple for life. When he was

grown up he got himself a small conveyance with which he would peddle notions through the country. He was never married. After his father broke up housekeeping he made his home with Simon Sholley, at Carlisle, Mrs. Sarah Sholley being Henry's sister. He died at Carlisle when he was about forty-five years of age and is buried at the old graveyard at Carlisle.

"Genevieve Egolff, 4th, was born at her father's farm near Carlisle but I am not able to give the date of her birth. She was married to a Mr. Hemwood. I do not know his Christian name. I have been able to get but very little information in Carlisle in regard to this family, with the exception that they were married at Carlisle, had a family and lived there, that some of their descendants were still in the neighborhood. The old folks are no doubt dead.

"Catherine Egolff, 4th, a daughter of Henry Egolff and his wife, was born on her parents' farm near Carlisle, but I do not know the date of her birth. She was married to Mardicay Duncan, but what year they were married I am not able to say. Mr. Duncan is a shoemaker by trade and lived about two miles north of Loudon, in Path Valley, where he had a small piece of land which he tilled along with his trade. They had three children, two sons and one daughter; their names were, respectively, Alexander (5th), William (5th) and Mary (5th). Alexander Duncan was a millwright by trade; he died suddenly, while a young man, unmarried. William Duncan: Do not know whether William had a trade or not; the last I heard of him he was in Colorado; cannot say whether he was married or single. Mary Duncan was married, but I could not learn the name of her husband nor the time when they were married; after she was married they moved to Michigan. Mr. Duncan was married twice. The above named children were all by his first wife, he had no children by the second wife. I do not know what year his first wife died. When I first got acquainted with him, in 1845, he was married to his second wife and the three children were very near grown up. Mr. Duncan died, I think, in 1878 or 1879. His second wife had died some time before him. I cannot say where he is buried, but I suppose at Loudon.

"Sarah Egolff, 4th, was born at the home of her parents near Carlisle, but I am not able to give the date of her birth. She was married to Simon Sholley, but I cannot say what year they were married. In regard to their children, I do not know how many they had, I can only remember two daughters (5th), who were nearly grown up when I first got acquainted with the family, about 1845. Mr. Sholley had a horse and cart or wagon with which he was doing hauling about town. Mrs. Sholley kept what was in those days known as a cake house. She baked different kinds of sweet

cakes and made mead and small beer. From my best recollections they left Carlisle for Ohio in the fifties. I was informed by some of the relations after they had gone to Ohio that Mr. and Mrs. Sholley were both dead, without knowing where and when they died, and that none of the relations about Carlisle knew what had become of the children. The above is all the information I could gather in regard to the Sholley family.

"Jane Egolff, 4th, a daughter of Henry Egolff, 3d, and his wife, was born at the home of her parents near Carlisle, but the date of her birth I do not know. She was married to a Mr. Koup. I do not know his Christian name, nor the date of their marriage. After they were married they resided in Perry county, Pa., where Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, paid them a visit in 1826. They had ten children: I do not know how many sons or how many daughters. I do not know what their names were. They are all dead but two, namely, Henry (5th) and Jeremiah (5th). Another brother, by the name of Jacob, died about four years ago, in 1892. The following is all the information I have in regard to the children of Mr. Koup and Jane Egolff, 4th, his wife: (1) Henry Koup, 5th (born no doubt in Perry county, Pa.), in 1820, lives in Pontiac, Livingston Co., Ill. Cannot say whether he is a mechanic or farmer. He has a family there. Do not know what year he went West, nor do I know whether he was married before he went to the West or got his wife out there. I am not able to say how many children they have. (2) Jeremiah Koup, 5th, born (no doubt in Perry Co., Pa.) in 1832, resides at Duncannon, in the same county. I do not know what his occupation is. He is a widower with five children (6th), three sons and two daughters, but I do not know their names, age or occupation. (3) Jacob Koup, 5th: Although he is dead, as his wife is living yet I will relate what little I know about him. He was no doubt also born in Perry county, Pa., but I do not know the date of his birth. His wife's Christian name is Josephine, but her family name I do not know. They had no children. She resides in Duncannon, Perry Co., Pa., where her husband, Jacob Koup, died in 1892. With this I will have to close the family record of Jane Egolff, 4th, and her husband Mr. Koup. I am sorry that I have not got some information concerning the other seven children of theirs.

"Malinda Egolff, 4th, was the youngest of the family of Henry Egolff, 3d, and his wife, and was probably born in 1808. It is stated in the family traditions that Grandmother Egolff, the wife of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, died in 1809, that several of the children were single yet at the time of her death, and that the youngest (Malinda) was only a few months old; that Mary, the eldest of the girls, who was then a good 'chunk' of a

girl of about sixteen years of age, had the whole charge of the family on her shoulders. Malinda Egolff, 4th, was married twice. Her first husband's name was Sipes; could not say what his Christian name was, nor what year she was married to him. I don't think they had any children. I cannot say what year he died. Some time after the death of her first husband she was married to Jacob Albert. Mr. Albert was a house carpenter; they had five children, that are grown up. I am not able to say whether they had any children that died young. Of the age of their children I am not positive, but think the following order is correct: Barbara (5th), Levi (5th), Jacob (5th), Samuel (5th), and Rebecca (5th). The following is a short biographical sketch of the children and other descendants of Jacob and Malinda (Egolff, 4th) Sipes Albert: (1) Barbara Albert was born at Carlisle; do not know the date of her birth. She was married to Thomas Jameson. Mr. Jameson is a day laborer. They have five children, three sons and two daughters (6th). The three sons are all married and have families; the two daughters are single. (2) Levi Albert was born at Carlisle; do not know what year. Levi is a day laborer. He is married, but I do not know his wife's family or Christian name; they have two daughters (6th), who are both single. (3) Jacob Albert was born at Carlisle, but I cannot say what year. He is an engineer and works for one of the railroad companies at Carlisle. He is a widower. He was twice married. He has no children, and makes his home with his brother-in-law, Jesse Hayes, who is married to Jacob Albert's sister Rebecca. (4) Samuel Albert was born at Carlisle (year not known). He is married, but I do not know his wife's family or Christian name. He has some children (6th), but I can not say how many, nor do I know what he follows. (5) Rebecca Albert, the youngest of Jacob and Malinda (Egolff, 4th) Sipes Albert's family, was born at Carlisle, but I do not know the date of her birth. She is married to Jesse Hayes. Her husband is a watchman at one of the factories at Carlisle. They have four children. One died in infancy, two sons and one daughter (6th) surviving. Their names are, respectively, Jacob, Martin and Mary. The two sons are married and have families (7th); the daughter is single. Mrs. Hayes is a very pleasant woman. I have received a good deal of information from her concerning some of our relations. This completes the biographical sketch of the children and other descendants of Jacob and Malinda Albert's family. * * * Jacob Albert died in the summer of 1819. He had been laid up for some time and was quite feeble. I am not able to say what his age was at the time of his death. His wife died some years before him. They are both buried in the old graveyard at Carlisle.

"Mary Egolff, 4th, was the second child and the oldest daughter of Henry Egolff, 3d. and his wife. She was born at the paternal mansion near Carlisle in 1793. Her parents belonged to the Lutheran denomination, in which faith she was brought up. The early part of her life was passed on her father's farm, in the pursuit of such work as pertains to the female portion of a farmer's family, namely, the household affairs, culinary duties and the dairy. Schools were scarce in her young days, particularly in the country, consequently her education was limited; however, she was able to read quite well, but I do not think she could write. She had plenty of mother wit, good common sense and excellent judgment. There were eight children in the family, one of them, her brother Henry, a cripple for life. Her father was engaged in farming during the spring, summer and early fall, and during the winter and early spring he was engaged in wagoning. He would take country produce to Baltimore or Philadelphia and return laden with merchandise of different kinds, for the business men of Carlisle or some of the neighboring towns; and when the turnpike was finished westward he would make a trip once in a while as far as Pittsburg. In 1809, when she was about sixteen years of age she as well as the rest of the family met with a serious loss in the death of her mother. As she was the oldest daughter she was placed at the head of the family and nearly the whole responsibility of the family rested on her shoulders. This was more particularly the case when her father was away with the team. But when the war of 1812 broke out between the United States and Great Britain her responsibility increased still more, as her father's patriotism (although he had fought for several years during the war of Independence, and was now past the age of doing military duty) prompted him to go again, and according to the family traditions he was gone almost three years.

"If the traditions of the family are correct, the young Irish distiller Edward Green, who had arrived in the United States in 1811, had formed the acquaintance of Mary Egolff, 4th, and had obtained the consent of her father to their marriage before he left for the army. It is quite likely they were married in 1813 or 1814. She was then about twenty or twenty-one years of age, while her young husband was one year her senior.

"After their marriage she no doubt remained at her father's home until he returned from the war. She was very conscientious and would not leave the family of her father without it being properly cared for, and she thought she could do better herself than anyone else. From information received it would appear that her husband continued working at the distillery after they were married and after her father's return from the army they commenced housekeeping themselves, and lived at or

near the distillery where he worked, in Cumberland county, a few miles west of Harrisburg, where it is quite likely they remained until they moved to Chambersburg.

"It has been stated that she was born and raised in the Lutheran faith. After her marriage she became a Catholic, and I think was received into the church by one of the Jesuit fathers from Conewago, who attended the mission at Carlisle. She had become a Catholic before they moved to Chambersburg.

"Edward and Mary (Egolff, 4th) Green had eleven children, four sons and seven daughters: six of them, three sons and three daughters, died while they were young and only five, one son and four daughters, were permitted to grow up. The following are the names of their children and the time of their birth, as near as could be obtained: (1) Edward Green (5th) was born in Cumberland county, about the year 1815; died when small. (2) Sarah Green (5th) was born at Chambersburg on the 5th of June, 1817. (3) Mary Green (5th) was born near Chambersburg in 1819. (4) Margaret Green (5th) was born near Chambersburg in 1821. (5) Susana Green (5th) was probably born near Chambersburg in 1823; died when small. (6) Elizabeth Green (5th) was probably born at Bridgeport, Franklin county, in 1824; died when small. (7) Catherine Green (5th) was born near Bridgeport in 1835. (8) Simon Peter Green (5th) was born near Bridgeport on the 27th of March, 1827. (9) Isabella Green (5th) was born near Bridgeport in 1829; died when small. (10) James Green (5th) was born near Bridgeport in 1830; died when small. (11) John Green (5th) was born near Bridgeport in 1831; died when small.

"Having now finished with the family of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d. including all his children and also some descendants of his belonging to generations still further off, I will resume and finish his own biography.

"From the family traditions we have it would seem that he lost his wife in 1809, when some of the children were still small, one of them Malinda only a few months old. He was still living on his little farm and the responsibility of the whole family principally rested on the shoulders of his daughter Mary who was then about sixteen years of age. When in 1812 war broke out between Great Britain and the United States he, being then about fifty-three or fifty-four years of age, and beyond the age of doing military duty, having besides been in the service of the government for several years during the war of Independence, the fire of his patriotism was kindled anew, and although his wife was dead, and having no one as head of the family except his daughter Mary, he shouldered his musket again against the same foe he had fought thirty-six years before, with a firm

resolve to do as he had done before—not to return until victory had been accomplished. It is stated that he was gone almost three years during the war of 1812-15 and that his duty during that time was principally on the lakes. It is stated in connection with this war that he and his brother Joseph Egolff lost a team laden with flour which was taken near Philadelphia by the government. The driver of the team was a nephew of theirs by the name of Mattheson, a son of their sister Polly Mattheson.

"We have no authentic information when he discontinued farming and probably also house-keeping, but it was no doubt before the year 1826. His youngest daughter, Malinda, was then about eighteen years of age, and although we have no record of the date when any of his children were married we may suppose that all, or nearly all, of them had been married before the year 1826. On page 64, Vol. 13, of the Archives of Pennsylvania, Second Series, it is stated that Henry Egolff resided in Perry county, Pa., in 1826. He had no doubt broken up housekeeping then and was simply staying with his daughter, Jane Koup, who resided with her husband and family in Perry county. It is quite likely that some pension money was sent to him in Perry county and in that way his name got into the State Archives, as living in Perry county. He had made his home at the house of his daughter Sarah Sholley, in Carlisle, where his son Henry, the cripple, also made his home, but he would pay periodical visits to his children, as I was informed. He paid his daughter Mary Egolff Green a visit when she lived in Path Valley, in 1833, after the death of her husband. Then he paid her a visit again in 1838, when she lived near Chambersburg.

"He must have been of a very retiring disposition. In perusing some old files of Carlisle papers, beginning with September, 1814, to June, 1839, embracing a period of twenty-five years, I never came across his name a single time. There were a great many meetings published, some political, others 4th of July celebrations, some religious, some social and others business meetings, where in many cases the names of those present at the meeting or gathering were published, but his name never appeared a single time. It is stated that he could never learn to master the English language very well, which might have been a reason for him to absent himself from public gatherings, but during the first half of the present century a great deal of German (Pennsylvania Dutch) was spoken in Cumberland county, and if he was not able to speak the English very plain there is no doubt he had plenty company of that kind, during the time he lived near Carlisle.

"After having reached a good ripe age he died at the house of his daughter, Mrs. Sarah Sholley, at Carlisle, on Friday, April 10th, 1840, in the eighty-

first year of his age. He was buried on Sunday, April 13th, with military honors. He is buried in the old graveyard at Carlisle, but as there is no tombstone to mark his grave, his grave is not known. With this closes the history of the most important person of the Egolff family up to the time of writing these biographical sketches in the year of grace 1896, namely, that of Henry Egolff, the patriot of two wars, the war of Independence in 1776 and the war of 1812-15, with perhaps one single exception, that of Michael Egolff, 1st. It is not complete in all respects, as I would like to see it, but I have done my best with the material at my command."

RENN. The Renn family has long been well known in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, where the old homestead of Ira T. Renn is still owned by his son Roland D. Renn, who makes his home in Harrisburg, Pa. Bert. I. Renn, a merchant of Sunbury, and Ira T. Renn, his brother, are also sons of Ira T. Renn and worthy representatives of this family name.

Adam Renn, great-grandfather of the brothers just named, was born in Germany, and coming to America settled about 1800 in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa., living in the locality known as Jews Hollow. He was a farmer, and owned three hundred acres of land. During the war of 1812 he served his adopted country as a soldier. He was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion. His wife's maiden name was Snyder, and they had children as follows: Jacob; Bernard; Henry, who lived and died in Lower Augusta township; and Mary, who married Jacob Rhen and lived in Lancaster and Dauphin counties.

Jacob Renn, son of Adam, lived in Lower Augusta township. In early life he learned butchering, which occupation he followed for forty years, meantime becoming also an extensive and prosperous farmer. He owned a tract of nearly two hundred acres, now the property of H. I. Reitz. In his earlier years he was employed as a boatman on what was known as the Pennsylvania canal. He was a tall man, six feet in height, strong, robust and of military carriage though heavy build, weighing about two hundred pounds. A Lutheran in religion, he was a zealous church worker and contributed liberally to church work, donating two acres of ground upon which to erect St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lower Augusta. He served many years as elder of this church, and was one of the most active in the promotion and establishment of its house of worship. In politics he was a Democrat. He died March 28, 1889, in Shamokin, aged eighty-one years, nine months and eighteen days.

Mr. Renn was twice married, his first union being to Elizabeth Snyder, by whom he had a large

family. We have mention of three: Hiram; John, of Winfield, Union Co., Pa.; and Henry, of Shamokin, Pa. By his second wife, Eve Conrad, born Jan. 26, 1810, died Dec. 22, 1876, Mr. Renn had four children: (1) Isaiah J., born May 30, 1842, in Lower Augusta township, grew to manhood there, receiving his education in the public schools, and like his father followed butchering and farming, working at his trade for twenty-five years. He also sold farm implements. He was a prominent Democrat of his locality, was elected justice of the peace in 1881 and served five terms, was overseer of the poor and township auditor, and represented his district in the Legislature two terms, being first elected Nov. 4, 1890. In his active years he occupied a most influential position in the community. He died Feb. 21, 1906. In 1863 he married Melinda Kauffman, daughter of Daniel Kauffman, of Lower Augusta township, and he and his family are members of the Lutheran Church. (2) Samuel C. lived in Lower Augusta township, and is now an old resident of Sunbury. (3) Mary L. married Lewis Evarts, and they live in Shamokin. (4) Ira T. was the father of the Renn brothers mentioned at the opening of this article.

Ira T. Renn, son of Jacob, was born Dec. 14, 1850, on his father's homestead in Lower Augusta township, and received his education in the local schools. Learning the miller's trade, he followed it for a number of years, after which he began farming and stock dealing, owning the place in Lower Augusta which now belongs to his son Roland. There he passed most of his life, prosperously engaged in farming. For six years he lived on the old Adam Renn farm in Jews Hollow. He was an enterprising man, and owned some fine stock. Mr. Renn died on his farm in Lower Augusta, Dec. 29, 1896, and is buried at the Lutheran Church in that township. He was an active member of that church, serving as deacon and elder, and was also interested in the success of the Democratic party, to which he rendered considerable service in his locality without caring for the material rewards of office or power.

In 1869 Mr. Renn married Rachel Kauffman, whose father, Daniel Kauffman, late of Lower Augusta township, settled on a 150-acre tract in that township which he bought from the Silverwood family, large landowners in that section. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Renn: Roland D.; Bertram I.; Clayton Jacob, deceased; Amos S., of Lower Augusta township; Ira T.; Grover Cleveland, of Lower Augusta township, who married Frances Martz, daughter of Samuel V. Martz; Franklin F., born July 30, 1888, who died May 8, 1889.

ROLAND D. RENN, son of Ira T., was born March 25, 1870, in Lower Augusta township, and received his early education in the common schools. Later he attended the Normal school at Bloomsburg,

from which he was graduated in 1889; two years after which he entered the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., graduating therefrom in 1891, the same year he entered; he took the commercial course. After teaching school for a number of years in Northumberland county Mr. Renn went into the railway mail service, in 1894, and has since been engaged in that work, his run being on the main line of the Pennsylvania road between New York and Pittsburg. He makes his home in Harrisburg, but still owns the homestead farm in Lower Augusta township. Mr. Renn has never lost his taste for reading, and he has a nice library. He is especially interested in agricultural and horticultural works, literature on stock raising, and history, and he has traced the family genealogy on both the paternal and maternal sides.

On June 11, 1896, Mr. Renn married Jennie S. Knisely, daughter of Henry Knisely, of Steelton, Pa., and they have had one son, Roland R. The family are members of the United Brethren Church at Harrisburg.

BERTRAM I. RENN, son of Ira T., was born July 13, 1872, in Lower Augusta township, was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools. He began railroading when a boy of fifteen, and followed that work successfully for a number of years, traveling all over the United States. His last railroad position was that of yardmaster at Chicago for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, but though he was doing well he resigned and returned East, buying an eighty-acre farm in Rockefeller township, in his native county. After farming there for two years, he moved to Sunbury, Dec. 14, 1909, selling his farm at that time, and in November, 1910, disposing of his farm stock. Upon his removal to Sunbury Mr. Renn embarked in the fish, oyster and produce business at No. 455 Market street, handling fish and clams all the year round and oysters and sea food in season. He also carries a line of cigars and confectionery, and during the summer months sells ice cream and soft drinks. He enjoyed a good trade from the start, and in 1910 purchased a business place at the corner of Third and Walnut streets. Mr. Renn is a most obliging dealer, and by his enterprising methods and accommodating ways has drawn an excellent class of patrons.

On Feb. 25, 1896, Mr. Renn married Mary E. Basom, who is from Newport, Perry county, Pa., daughter of John and Jane (Zeiders) Basom. They have one child, a daughter, Lillian R. L.

IRA T. RENN, son of the late Ira T., was born March 16, 1880, in Lower Augusta township, and was reared on the farm. He first attended the local public schools, and later was a pupil at Selinsgrove (Pa.) Academy, and he was only seventeen when licensed to teach by Prof. Ira Shipman, then county superintendent. He taught for three

terms, two in his native township and one in Little Mahanoy township, but farming has always been his principal occupation. He assisted his father and mother until 1901, after which he farmed a year at home on his own account, in the spring of 1902 settling in Rockefeller township, where he purchased the Urias Malick homestead. This property consists of eighty-three acres of the best land in the township, and there Mr. Renn has since resided and engaged in farming. He is an energetic young man, public-spirited and interested in the social welfare of the community as well as in its material progress. He has served in local offices, and has taken part in the work of the Lutheran Church at Hollowing Run, of which he and his family are members, having acted as a member of the church council. He is at present superintendent of the Sunday school at Augustaville. Politically he is a Democrat. Mr. Renn has been quite active in the Odd Fellows fraternity in his section, one of the leading members of Augusta Lodge, No. 614, of Augustaville, which he represented at the Grand Lodge for seven consecutive terms.

On Oct. 3, 1900, Mr. Renn married Mary E. Barrett, daughter of James and Mary (Burns) Barrett, formerly of Selinsgrove and later of Lewisburg, Pa., where Mr. Barrett died. Mr. and Mrs. Renn have two children: F. Fay and Harold W.

NICHOLAS W. RENN, who is engaged in farming in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, was born in that township April 25, 1858, son of John Renn and grandson of Philip Renn.

Philip Renn was born in Pennsylvania and was the pioneer of this family in Northumberland county, having settled there at an early day in the history of Rockefeller township, on the farm now owned by the Flemming sisters. It comprises about one hundred acres, and Philip Renn built the barn still standing there. He prospered in his farming operations, doing fairly well for that day. He was a Pennsylvania German, and spoke both German and English. He is buried at the Stone Church, one of the oldest churches in that section. His family, two sons and three daughters, was as follows: Betzy married John Cornell, who came from Bucks or Montgomery county and lived in Rockefeller township; Henry lived in Iowa; John lived in Lower Augusta township; Tina married John Flemming and they lived on the Philip Renn homestead, where both died; Sarah married William Ross and they lived in Rockefeller township.

John Renn, son of Philip, was born March 3, 1812, on the Renn homestead in Rockefeller township, and lived for the most part in Lower Augusta township, where he had a tract of five acres, upon which place he died March 25, 1893. He is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. He was a laborer, and was a man of powerful build,

noted for his strength and locally known as "Big Foot." On one occasion he was held up at a bridge in Schuylkill county by a husky Irishman, who told him he could not pass. Renn said, "Yes, I will pass," picked up the Irishman and threw him bodily over the bridge; he died of his injuries. During the Civil war Mr. Renn enlisted for three years' service, in Company H, 17th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and had served nineteen months when honorably discharged, because of the close of the war. His wife, Margaret Fry, was born Oct. 24, 1814, in Alsace, France, of which place, her father, Jacob Fry, was also a native. She was twelve years old when she came with her parents to Pennsylvania, the family locating first in Clinton county, at the "Block House," and thence removing to Schuylkill county and later to Northumberland county, where they lived for two or three years. Returning to Schuylkill county, Mr. Fry made a permanent settlement there, following farming until his death. Mrs. John Renn died in 1906 at Williamsport, Pa. Ten children were born to her and her husband: Barbara married Andrew Baldy and (second) Edward Pickering; Sarah married Abraham DeWitt; Maria married Samuel Beck; Catharine married Frank Hilbush; Elizabeth married Henry Eisenhuth; Rebecca married Osburn Difford; Emma married Harry Olmstead; Malinda married Peter Crissinger; Delila married Galen DeWitt; Nicholas W.

Nicholas W. Renn was educated in the public schools and began working on the farm for his parents at an early age, continuing thus until he reached the age of twenty-eight years. He then married, and for nine years worked among farmers, after which he began working upon the homestead of his father-in-law, Isaac Feaster, in Lower Augusta township. In June, 1905, he purchased this property, which consists of fifty acres, the present buildings on which were erected by Mr. Feaster. Mr. Renn follows general farming, and occasionally attends the Sunbury and Shamokin markets. Though he devotes all his attention to his business affairs, he has found time to serve his township as school director and inspector, in which offices he gave excellent satisfaction. He is a Republican in politics. By thrift and industry he has attained a substantial position, and he is a respected citizen of his community.

On March 2, 1886, Mr. Renn married Losenia Feaster, daughter of Isaac and Charify (Shipman) Feaster, and granddaughter of Jacob Shipman. Mrs. Renn was born Sept. 5, 1856, and died Feb. 2, 1895, aged thirty-eight years. Mr. Renn married her sister, Mrs. Addie Thomas, widow of S. D. Thomas, who died April 10, 1894, at the age of forty-two years. Mr. Renn had no children by either union. Four children were born to Mrs. Renn's first marriage, Elva, William, Maud and Martha.

JAMES FOX, for many years one of the leading agriculturists of Ralpho township, where he had the largest fruit farm in Northumberland county, was a native of Columbia county, Pa., born Feb. 28, 1813, in Catawissa township. The family was early in Berks county, this State, where Mr. Fox's grandfather was born. The latter had a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters.

Jacob Fox, father of the late James Fox, was born in Berks county, and died in 1851 in Columbia county, Pa., whither he had removed when a young man. He was a stonemason by trade, and went to Catawissa, Columbia county, to fill a contract he had obtained to build a church. Upon the completion of the contract he remained there, having taken a liking to the place, and he later purchased a farm in Catawissa township upon which he made his home, cultivating his land and also continuing to follow his trade. He was thus engaged for many years and became very well known in that section, where he made many friends. His wife, Rachel (McIntire), died in 1836. They had the following children: William, Daniel, Hannah (wife of Isaac Irwin), Mary E., Price, James and Jacob.

James Fox, son of Jacob, spent his early life upon the homestead farm in Catawissa township, Columbia county, receiving a common school education in the locality. Soon after the death of his father he removed to Northumberland county, where he passed the remainder of his long life. In connection with his brother-in-law, John Campbell, he purchased a tract of 426 acres, upon part of which he established his home, becoming one of the best known and most substantial citizens of Ralpho township. He was one of the most enterprising farmers of his district, and made a specialty of fruit raising, having the largest fruit farm in the county. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a member of the Presbyterian Church. He died Oct. 16, 1902, in his ninetyeth year.

In 1840 Mr. Fox married Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of Obadiah Campbell, and she died long before her husband, passing away in 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Fox are buried at the McIntire church in Columbia county. They had a family of eight children, namely: George W. and Isaac N. died young; Obadiah P. is mentioned below; Isabella married William Cherington; Joanna now resides at Bloomsburg, Pa.; William is also a resident of Bloomsburg; Mary J. lives at Bloomsburg; Christopher C. is a resident of Mount Carmel.

OBADIAH P. FOX, son of James, located at Mount Carmel in 1884 and was among the early successful merchants there. He died at Mount Carmel May 4, 1908, aged sixty-one years. Mr. Fox married Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of Duncan Campbell, of Rush township, and they

had a family of four children: Estella, Kimber, Howard and Ethel.

CHRISTOPHER C. FOX, son of James and Elizabeth (Campbell) Fox, was born Oct. 4, 1860, near Elysburg, Northumberland county. He was educated in the public schools of his native township and at Elysburg Academy, and remained upon the farm until he reached the age of eighteen years. At that time he became engaged in the mercantile business with his brother Obadiah. They were at their original location for three years, after which they were out of the business for two years, in 1884 settling at Mount Carmel, where they conducted a general store, under the firm name of O. P. Fox & Brother. They did a successful business until the death of Mr. Obadiah P. Fox, May 4, 1908, after which Christopher C. Fox closed out the mercantile establishment and embarked in the real estate line in association with C. H. Robins. They have acquired a profitable patronage and are doing a live business.

On April 18, 1895, Mr. Fox married Hattie M. Jones, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Graham) Jones, of Philadelphia, and they are the parents of the following children: Ernestine D., Russell J., Marion W. and Benjamin H. Mr. Fox is a Methodist in religious connection. On political questions he is a Republican.

CHARLES F. BLANK, senior member of the firm of Blank & Gottshall, who have a large milling business at Sunbury, owning and conducting the City Roller Mills, was born Oct. 31, 1851, in Upper Saucon township, Lehigh Co., Pa. He is a son of Jacob Blank and a descendant of John George Blank, who founded a family now numerous in Lehigh county, especially in the eastern portion. The 1910 city directory of Allentown, that county, gives the names of thirty-two Blanks.

John George Blank, the earliest ancestor of this family of whom we have record, was born in 1729 and died in 1799. He came to Saucon township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county, about 1750. He married Elizabeth Steinmetz, daughter of Valentine Steinmetz, and after the death of his father-in-law succeeded to and settled upon his estate, taking up his residence on the site later occupied by John H. Laubach. The number of his children cannot be determined, but it appears there are several branches of Blanks even in the territory now embraced in Lehigh county. His son John George Blank had nine children, of whom we have the following account: George died unmarried; John married Esther Clemmer and had six children, George, Charles H. (both residing in Coopersburg, Lehigh county), Edwin H., Benjamin (both residing in Allentown), Eliza (married William P. Weidner) and Elamina (married Simon Troxel); Jacob married a Miss Hintenbeutel, but nothing is known of his de-

scendants; Abraham married Mary Bahl and was the father of Jacob, John G. and Abraham, who reside in Upper Saucon township, Mrs. John Laubach, of Saucon; and Mrs. John Metzger, of Allentown; Charles married Priscilla Fry and resides at Bethlehem, Pa.; David died unmarried; Mary married Jacob Bahl and resides at Bethlehem; Lydia married Nathan Eberhart and died without issue; Sarah married David Schneider and resides at Emaus, Lehigh county.

Jacob Blank, father of Charles F. Blank, was born in Saucon township, Lehigh county, and died in 1864. He is buried at Zionsville church, in that county, having been a member of the Reformed congregation of that church. He was a wheelwright, learning the trade early in life, and followed it at Emaus until his death. Mr. Blank married Sarah Groman, whose father lived in Salisbury township, Lehigh county, and she survived him many years, dying in 1906, at the age of seventy-five. She is buried at Emaus. Eight children, five sons and three daughters, were born to this union: Wilson died at the age of six years; John is a resident of Emaus, Pa.; Charles F. is mentioned below; James was drowned when about seven years old; George died in 1902 at Bethlehem, Pa. (he had sons James and Harvey); Mary Alice married James Camburn, of Philadelphia, and died in 1909; Sarah married John Reinbaugh, of Lehigh county, Pa., and died about 1910; Anna married Paul Eisenhart, of Emaus.

Charles F. Blank was reared and educated in his native county, attending school at Emaus and Allentown, to which latter place the family removed when he was thirteen years old. He worked at various vocations until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade at Cetronia, Lehigh county, following same, as well as millwrighting, which work he began in 1875. He engaged as millwright in the employ of others until 1888, being foreman for four years for the Wolf & Hamaker Company, then of Allentown. Since that time he has been in partnership with William B. Gottshall, who was also formerly with the Wolf & Hamaker Company and like himself a miller of thorough experience. Messrs. Blank and Gottshall came to Sunbury in the employ of a Chambersburg firm to remodel the historic old Haas mill, from the burr to the roller system. They soon leased the property and began operations on their own account, remaining at that place until 1895, when they completed the building of the large mill they have since occupied. They have a three-story building 40 by 230 feet, with a two-story addition 115 by 50 feet, as well as other buildings, among which is a large engine house. Their business has extended, in both volume and scope, until there are now many interests besides flour milling, the firm handling all kinds of flour

and feed, cement, plaster, and similar commodities in large quantities. Their principal brands of flour are "B. & G.'s Best," "Flaky Loaf" and "White Cloud," the daily capacity of the flour-milling equipment being two hundred barrels of wheat, seventy-five barrels of rye, seventy-five barrels of buckwheat and cornmeal. They manufacture cattle and poultry foods, about forty tons of chop daily, and the B. & G. Chick and Hen Food has a large sale not only in the Lehigh Valley but also throughout the Middle States. Their hay shed is 40 by 60 feet in dimensions, the grain elevator has a capacity of 40,000 bushels, and a large warehouse is included among the many conveniences of this well equipped establishment. Twenty-five men are given regular employment. The products, which have the reputation of being of the highest excellence, are not only in steady demand locally and over the coal regions, but find a ready sale all over the eastern part of the country. Blank & Gottshall have shown their enterprise in the completeness of their plant, which is admirably located, facing the Susquehanna river and running parallel with the Philadelphia & Reading tracks, from which a switch connects with the mills; there is also a siding connecting with the Pennsylvania lines. An engine of 150 horse power supplies the motive force for the operation of the mills and the power for the electrical conveniences and comfort of the fine residences which the partners have erected on adjoining property. As member of a firm whose enterprise is reckoned upon as a substantial factor in the prosperity of Sunbury, Mr. Blank is one of the most respected and valuable citizens of that borough. He is an intelligent and public-spirited man, as effective a worker in other fields as in business circles.

On Aug. 10, 1872, Mr. Blank married Ellen Jane Lentz, daughter of Josiah and Miranda (Shearer) Lentz, the former a lifelong resident of the vicinity of Allentown. Mr. and Mrs. Blank had one daughter, who died in infancy. They are active in the work of the First Reformed Church of Sunbury, and Mr. Blank is a member of Mac-lay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury.

EDWIN E. HOLLENBACK, D. D. S., has been practicing dentistry at Shamokin throughout his professional career, having begun in company with his father, one of the oldest established dentists in the borough.

Dr. Reuben Hollenback, the father, was born Sept. 1, 1841, in Lower Augusta township, near Sunbury, Northumberland county, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Sherry) Hollenback. He received his early education in the public schools and was reared in his native locality, being trained to farming, which he followed until twenty-one years old. Meantime he had also taken up teaching, that stepping-stone to so many of the higher profes-

sions, being thus engaged for six years, one year in his native township, the rest of the time in Coal and Shamokin townships. His older brother, Dr. D. S. Hollenback, had entered the medical profession, and he, too, had aspirations toward such a career, which led him, while teaching, to take up the study of dentistry, which he began under the tuition of Dr. B. F. Van Boskirk, of Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa. However, he was not in a position to devote himself to it entirely for a number of years. In 1864 he located at Shamokin, where he was engaged as engineer at the Big Mountain colliery two years, at the end of that time resuming teaching, which he continued, along with his dental studies, until 1868. He then commenced practice in Shamokin, but not being quite satisfied with his attainments he entered the Dental College of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated March 1, 1877. Dr. Hollenback built up a large practice by his skillful and conscientious work, and deservedly won a place among the leading professional men of Shamokin. Moreover, without solicitation on his part, he has been honored with some of the most responsible public trusts in the gift of his fellow citizens, having served one term as representative of the Third ward in the common council, of which he served one year as president. He is an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party and for many years took a leading part in its local activities. In religious matters he has been identified with St. John's Reformed Church, of which he has long been a prominent member, serving as chorister for many years.

In 1865 Dr. Hollenback married Dorcas Sober, daughter of Michael M. Sober, who lived in the Irish Valley in Northumberland county. Three children were born to this marriage, viz.: William S., of Reading, Pa., a piano tuner; Hudson S., a dentist, who is located at Mount Carmel, this county; and Edwin E. The mother of these died Oct. 24, 1887, and on Dec. 6, 1888, Dr. Hollenback married Savilla Fidler, daughter of William Fidler, of Shamokin. They have had two children, Harry Franklin and Flora Lillian.

Edwin E. Hollenback was born at Shamokin May 25, 1871, and there received his early education in the public schools. He learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for three years, and then entered the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated in 1892. For several years thereafter he practiced with his father, in 1898 opening an office of his own. Dr. Hollenback is a general practitioner, but he makes a specialty of high-grade crown, bridge and plate work, in which line he has a high reputation. His practice is large, and has been gained by the most honorable methods and satisfactory work, many of his patrons having come to him ever since he commenced practice.

Dr. Hollenback married Jessie Hoskings, of Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they have three children: Alfred, Martha Dorcas and Annie G. The family home is at No. 117 Marshall street.

GEN. CHARLES M. CLEMENT, a leading lawyer of Sunbury, was born there Oct. 28, 1855, son of Gen. John Kay Clement. His ancestors were Friends, the Clements having been prominent members of that Society in England.

Gregory Clement, the earliest ancestor of whom we have record, was a member of Parliament in 1646 and was one of the famous body of Regicides, and with four others was hanged. When Gregory Clement was arrested, in 1660, his son James escaped, and emigrating from his native land came to America, landing on Staten island. Subsequently he located near Camden, in Camden (then Gloucester) county, N. J. He became a large land owner and surveyor and his descendants also followed that occupation for a number of generations. He married Sarah Field, and their children included a son Jacob.

Jacob Clement, son of James, married Ann Harrison.

Samuel Clement, son of Jacob and Ann (Harrison), married Rebecca Collins, a granddaughter of Francis Collins, who came to America in 1678, locating in New Jersey, where he became a man of distinction. He served for a time in the capacity of judge and was a member of the Provincial Legislature of New Jersey.

Samuel Clement (?), son of Samuel, married Mary Foster.

Evan C. Clement, son of Samuel (?), was born in Camden county, N. J. He was associated with his father in the manufacture of glass and became a man of considerable means. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving as sergeant major. He passed all his life in his native county, where he died in 1827 at the comparatively early age of thirty-seven. He married Hannah Kay, great-granddaughter of John Kay, the first settler of the name in America, who came over in 1683, was speaker of the Provincial Assembly of New Jersey for several years, and one of the council for West Jersey. John Kay, Mrs. Clement's father, married Kesiah Thorne, daughter of Capt. Joseph Thorne, a soldier of the Revolution.

John Kay Clement, son of Evan C. and Hannah (Kay) Clement, was born Jan. 1, 1820, in Philadelphia, Pa., and was but seven years old when his father died. As the latter had failed a short time previously, the boy was thrown upon his own resources at an early age. He acquired his early education in the Friends' school in his native city, and began the study of law when eighteen years old in the office of his cousin, Richard Howell, of Camden, N. J. In 1842, at the age of twenty-two, he was admitted to the bar in Trenton, N. J.



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Soon afterward he removed to Schuylkill county, Pa., where he first made his home at Minersville, later at Pottsville, practicing law there until his removal to Sunbury, Northumberland county, in 1854. There he continued to live the remainder of his days, acquiring a very extensive practice and for many years holding a high place in public affairs. His legal work was mainly in the line of criminal law, in which special branch of the profession he was one of the foremost lawyers of the State, participating in many of the most famous cases tried in his section. He was not only versatile in the law, but gifted with unusual powers of eloquence, and as a pleader had few equals. He practiced law to the exclusion of almost every other interest, most of his public service being of a professional nature, and he won his high rank in the legal fraternity by unswerving devotion to the calling of his choice. His logic and eloquence, backed by a thorough understanding of the law, made him a powerful ally on either side of a case. From 1871 to 1878 he was engaged as counsel, on one side or the other, in every important criminal case tried here. "Bear" Dolan, the first "Molly Maguire" convicted, was successfully prosecuted by him in 1872, and he defended Peter McMannes, the last of that famous band to be tried. In 1859 General Clement was elected district attorney of Northumberland county, was again elected in 1871, and in 1877 again took the office by appointment.

While a resident of Schuylkill county he was made brigadier general of the State militia, and during the Civil war he not only aided the Union by personal service as officer and private, but also used his influence throughout that period in support of the Northern cause. He was captain of the Pottsville Light Artillery, which organization still exists as Company F, 4th Regiment, P. N. G., served in the first battle of Bull Run as aide to Colonel Cameron, and also served as a private of Company D, 4th Pennsylvania Emergency Militia. In 1862 he was made provost marshal of the 14th District of Pennsylvania and served efficiently until 1864. He was a Democrat in politics before the war, and subsequently a staunch Republican. He served some years as a member of the council of Sunbury. He died at Sunbury Oct. 15, 1882.

On May 18, 1854, General Clement married Mary S. Zeigler, of Sunbury, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Eyer) Zeigler, the former of whom was once a prominent leather merchant of Sunbury. She survived him, making her home in Sunbury until her death, April 30, 1908. Five children were born to this union, Charles M. being the only survivor. General Clement was an Episcopalian in religion, and was a vestryman in St. Matthew's Protestant Episcopal Church at the time of his death. Fraternally he was a Freemason.

Charles M. Clement, only surviving member of

the family of Gen. John Kay and Mary S. (Zeigler) Clement, received an excellent literary training in the academies at Sunbury, Pa., and Burlington, N. J., leaving school at the age of seventeen. For the next six years he was employed as clerk in the prothonotary's office at Sunbury, and then read law with his father, being admitted to the bar March 11, 1878. The January following he began practice with his father, with whom he was associated in practice until the latter's death. This relation was of the utmost value to him. His thorough study of legal principles gave him an excellent foundation for his work, and his aptitude for applying it to practical, everyday affairs made him popular with a large clientage who appreciate common sense interpretation of ordinary laws. But though he has engaged in general practice, corporation work has been his main line, particularly as a trial lawyer in causes affecting corporate interests. From April, 1891, to April, 1898, he was associated in practice with Hon. S. P. Wolverton.

General Clement has long been a leading member of the Republican party. From 1879 to 1883 he was secretary of the county committee, and from 1883 to 1888 was chairman of that body. He has served several years as member of the council, and one term as assistant burgess; he was borough solicitor, solicitor of the school and solicitor for the overseers of the poor for several years; is now a school director; on Oct. 1, 1887, he was appointed corporation clerk of the State department by Charles W. Stone; on Nov. 28, 1890, he was appointed by Governor Beaver deputy secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In all these offices his service was most creditable, showing the most intelligent citizenship and public-spirited devotion to the general interest. He is president of the trustees of the Mary M. Packer hospital at Sunbury.

In 1877 General Clement was one of the organizers of the Sunbury Guards, Company E, 12th Regiment, P. N. G., which he joined as a private. He was promoted to the rank of captain in regular order and three times elected to serve in that capacity, in 1882, 1887 and 1892. In 1896 he was elected major of the 12th Regiment, in 1898 elected lieutenant colonel, and volunteering for service during the Spanish American war was commissioned lieutenant colonel of the 12th Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was mustered out Oct. 29, 1898. His eldest son, John Kay Clement, then a boy of seventeen, was a corporal in Company E, same regiment. On Aug. 17, 1899, Charles M. Clement was elected colonel; was reelected in 1904 and 1909; was appointed brigadier general March 29, 1910; and on Sept. 1, 1910, was assigned to the command of the 3d Brigade. Socially, Colonel Clement belongs to the Sons of Veterans, the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of the War of 1812,

the Society of Foreign Wars and the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish American war. He is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., Northumberland R. A. Chapter, No. 174, Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Zembo Temple, Mystic Shrine. He is a past master of his lodge and past commander of the commandery. General Clement is rector's warden of St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, secretary of the vestry, secretary of the diocesan convention, and has been a deputy to the general convention since 1898, serving therein on the committees on Admission of New Dioceses, on the Prayer Book, and on the Commission to Revise the Lectionary.

On Nov. 19, 1879, General Clement was married at Northumberland to Alice V. Withington, daughter of Martin J. D. Withington. Four sons have been born to them: John Kay, Martin W., Charles Francis and Theron Ball. John Kay Clement married Isabel Colvin, and has one son, Charles M. Clement, 2d; he is captain of Company E, 18th Regiment, N. G. P., and is physicist in the Bureau of Mines, stationed at Pittsburg. Martin W. Clement married Irene H. Higbee, and they have one son, Martin W. Clement, Jr.; he is supervisor on the Pennsylvania railroad, stationed at Philadelphia, and is a captain in the quartermaster's department, N. G. P. Charles Francis is practicing law with his father, and is first lieutenant of Company E, 12th Regiment, N. G. P. These three sons are graduates of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.; John K. is also a graduate of the University of Gottingen, and Charles F. of the law school of the University of Pennsylvania. Theron B. is in the local high school.

WILLIAM F. KLINE, a leading citizen of the borough of Snyderstown, Northumberland county, was born Sept. 9, 1833, at Klinesgrove, which place is so known in honor of his family. He is the last surviving member of his generation of the family, which was settled in this region by Isaac Kline, his great-grandfather.

One Herman Kline emigrated to America in the early part of the eighteenth century and settled in Hunterdon county, N. J., where he bought considerable land. It is said he was rich, and generous to his less fortunate fellowmen. He reared a large family of sons and daughters. The date of his death is unknown.

In 1799 three of the sons of Herman Kline came to Pennsylvania, two of them (Abraham and another) settling on Fishing creek, in Columbia county. Isaac Kline, one of these three brothers, was the progenitor of the family with which this article deals. He settled in what is now Upper Augusta (then Augusta) township, Northumberland county, at or near the site of what is now known as Klinesgrove, which village was

named for the Kline family. It is on the road leading from Sunbury to Danville, at the line of Upper Augusta and Rush townships. A number of the family, of the various generations, are buried at the Klinesgrove M. E. Church. In this locality Isaac Kline bought four hundred or five hundred acres of land, then nearly all forest, and he and his family were pioneers in all that the name implies. Their nearest neighbors were five miles distant. Wild beasts howled at night around the log cabin, rudely constructed, but affording a comfortable shelter. There the family made a permanent home. Isaac Kline was accompanied into the wilderness by his wife, Margaret, and their two sons, Herman and Isaac, with their wives and families. He settled his oldest son, Herman, on the farm now owned by Charles Rockefeller, and made his own home with his son Isaac, on the farm now owned by John F. Derr. There he died in 1818, at the advanced age of ninety years, a year or two after the death of his wife. They are interred in the M. E. Church cemetery at Klinesgrove.

Herman Kline, eldest son of Isaac Kline, settled in what was then Augusta township. He had a family of four sons and four daughters: Elisha, who lived on the farm later owned by Charles Moore, died in 1875, aged eighty-eight years; John, who lived on the farm now in the possession of A. D. Moore, died in 1861, aged sixty-nine years; Isaac, who lived on the farm now owned by S. G. Kase, died in 1878, aged eighty-four years; David went West while young; Margaret became Mrs. Campbell; Jemima, Mrs. Stroh; Polly, Mrs. Campbell; Susan died unmarried.

Isaac Kline, Jr., the younger son of Isaac Kline, lived with his father until his death, in 1804, at the early age of thirty-three years. He followed farming. His widow, Catharine (Barton), lived with her children until her death, in the year 1856, at the advanced age of eighty-seven. After the death of their grandfather the children of Isaac (Jr.) and Catharine (Barton) Kline inherited his estate, there being three sons and one daughter, namely: (1) Henry, the eldest, born in 1791 in Hunterdon county, N. J., obtained the farm on which his son Francis A. now lives in Upper Augusta township, and died in 1878, aged eighty-seven years. His wife, Elizabeth (Forrester), died in 1859. Their children were: John F. (born Dec. 25, 1814, in Augusta township), Sarah Ann (Mrs. Weaver), Jane (Mrs. Mettler, living in the West, and the only surviving daughter), Elizabeth (Mrs. Gilger), Isaac F., Mary (Mrs. Bassett), and Francis A. (2) Herman inherited the farm now owned by John F. Derr, and spent some years of his earlier manhood farming on the homestead, later living at Klinesgrove, where he operated the Klinesgrove gristmill. He died there in 1865, aged seventy-one years. He married

Nancy Mettler. They left no descendants. (3) Isaac is mentioned below. (4) Sarah, Mrs. Campbell, lived on the farm now occupied by her son, Isaac Campbell, and died there in 1841, at the age of about forty-four. She reared a family of ten children.

Isaac Kline, son of Isaac (Jr.) and Catharine (Barton) Kline, was born Nov. 2, 1803, and died Oct. 10, 1876. He inherited the farm near the Klinesgrove Church, a tract of 105 acres, upon which he followed farming, and resided there until his death. In 1834 he built the stone residence still standing upon that farm. In politics he was originally an old-line Whig, later becoming a Republican, and he was particularly active in the religious life of the community, being one of the pillars of the Klinesgrove Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was an organizer, and he donated five hundred dollars when the church was erected, in 1867. His family were also Methodists. Mr. Kline married Lucy Ann Forrester, who was born Feb. 16, 1804, and died Jan. 8, 1886. They had three children: (1) Josiah F., born Aug. 29, 1831, married Elizabeth Condon, of Philadelphia, and they lived in that city. They had children: Edmund James, William R., Josiah F. and Henry B., the last named dying young. (2) William F. is mentioned below. (3) James F., born Oct. 20, 1837, died June 5, 1888, at Newark, N. J., and is buried at Danville, Pa. He was a lieutenant in the 3d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery during the Civil war, stationed at Fortress Monroe. He and his wife Mary (McGill) had one child, that died in infancy.

William F. Kline attended the schools of the home locality in his early boyhood, and later went to Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport. He taught school for one term in Upper Augusta township, at what is now known as Mount Pleasant (then Texas) schoolhouse. From early life he was trained to farming, in which he is still interested, having a valuable tract of 150 acres all included within the limits of the borough of Snyderstown. He has made various improvements upon this estate since it came into his possession, and has twice remodeled the house during his ownership. In 1867 Mr. Kline began tanning at Snyderstown, in 1868 putting up the present tannery buildings there, replacing the original buildings of an early tannery. He continued in this business for a period of six years, until the end of 1873. Mr. Kline's substantial success entitles him to a foremost place among the business men of his section, where he is regarded as a man of excellent judgment and ability. In the conduct of borough affairs he has for years been a well known figure. He has been a member of the board of school directors, and served some years as secretary of that body; he was the first chief burgess elected in Snyderstown, held the office for six years in suc-

cession, and later was elected for another two years. The mere record of the positions to which he has been chosen is sufficient evidence of the esteem and popularity he enjoys among his fellow-men. He has been one of the most prominent citizens of Snyderstown since its organization. It is the largest borough in area in the State, though the population is but four hundred. Politically Mr. Kline is a Republican.

In January, 1860, Mr. Kline married Mary Margaret Wolverton, who was born March 13, 1838, and died July 2, 1886, the mother of three children: One that died in infancy; Charles H., also deceased in infancy; and George W., who is located at Eleventh and Wolverton streets, Sunbury. On Feb. 19, 1890, Mr. Kline married (second) Margaret E. Moore, daughter of James R. and Priscilla (Martin) Moore, of Snyderstown, who had the following children: James A., John M., Jane E., Rebecca M., Perry M. and Margaret E. Mr. and Mrs. Kline have no children. Mr. Kline and his family are Methodists, prominent members of the church at Klinesgrove, which Mr. Kline served on the board of trustees continuously from 1866 to 1908, being also secretary of that board. He has long been regarded as one of the pillars of the church, and is highly respected among its membership.

JAMES R. MOORE, the father of Mrs. William F. Kline, was the son of John Moore, who came from New Jersey at an early date and settled in what is now Rush township, where he purchased a farm. He died upon his farm at the age of fifty years and is buried in a grave yard near Deiblers station in Shamokin township. He married Rebecca, daughter of James Moore, and they had these children: John, James R., Rebecca, Mary, Anna, Miriam, Samuel and Hannah.

James R. Moore, father of Mrs. Kline, was born in Rush township Feb. 2, 1805, and died at Olathe, Johnson Co., Kans., July 2, 1885. He was reared upon the home farm and in the year of 1846 went to Morrow county, Ohio, where he followed farming, and remained until 1872, when he went to Olathe, Kans., and there he continued to farm. He married Priscilla, daughter of Atchinson Martin, who died in Kansas. They had these children: James A., John M., Jane E., Rebecca M., Perry M. and Margaret E., now the wife of William F. Kline.

KLASE. The family history in this article on the Klases was contributed by Mr. John Hower Klase, of Snyderstown, who intends to amplify it and complete the records as time and opportunity permit. Early records in his possession show considerable variation in the spelling of the name. The German forms are Kloss, Klesz, Kloesz. The Anglicized spelling John Klase (Johannes

Kloess) appears in the tax record of 1773 for Bethlehem township, Northampton Co., Pa., and the forms Clase, Glase, Glos, Glosz and Kleiss are all found.

On Nov. 22, 1752, one "Johonas Kloss" landed in Philadelphia from the ship "Phoenix," Reuben Houer, captain, from Rotterdam and Cowes. The emigration records of Philadelphia show Klosses here much earlier, as early as 1732, who evidently were of the same family, as they all settled to the north of Philadelphia, where they had land grants surveyed. But this Johanas Kloss is the earliest arrival to whom the family here under consideration can be traced. His family can be very easily traced from the records appearing at Easton, Pa. He lived and died near Bethlehem, and his will, on record at Easton, makes grants to the following nine children (who were to receive £5,000 in money besides lands): Valentine, Philip, John, Jr., Jacob, Catharine, Michael, Elizabeth (married Michael Young), Annie Marie and Christiana. The dates of birth and death of "Johón" Klase are at present not known, but he was still living in the year 1804, when he and his wife Catharine appear as witnesses at the christening of one of Valentine's daughters, Mary Eva, who later married Solomon Fegley, father of George K. Fegley.

Valentine Klase, the eldest son of Johonas and the head of the family located in Northumberland county, Pa., was a resident of Northampton county, near Bethlehem, where he owned a farm of two hundred acres on what is known as the Dry Land. This farm appears on the tax list of Bethlehem township in 1788, and its location is known to the family, the Klase burying ground being on this farm. Valentine Klase married Mary Eva Smiten, who was born Oct. 1, 1766, and died at Snyderstown, Northumberland Co., Pa., on the old homestead, Aug. 2, 1838; she is buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery near Snyderstown. The children of Valentine and Mary Eva were: Jacob, Abraham, Michael, Valentine, Jr., Henry, Mary Eva and Catharine, all born in Bethlehem township, Northampton county. In the year 1753 Valentine took out a warrant for fifty acres of land in Northampton county. In the year 1778 he entered the service of the Continental army, in Captain Reeser's 4th Company of Militia, from Forks township, Northampton county, Pa., 5th Battalion; ordered to march July 30, 1778 (Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Vol. 14, Page 591); for which service he was given a grant of land, which he never took up. Valentine Klase was a farmer up to the time of his death, which occurred some time between April 12th—when he made his will—and May 18th, 1812, when his will was probated at Easton, Pa. After the Indian troubles had been settled in the northern sections of the State and the lands of the last Indian purchase opened for settlement, he joined himself to

others of Northampton county and came to Fort Augusta, or what is now known as Sunbury, Pa., and entered into the purchasing of lands. About eight miles east of Sunbury he purchased 950 acres with an allowance of $\frac{9}{10}$ per cent for roads, making 1,000 acres all told. This land lay north of the old Reading road, at what is known as Stonington, comprising a strip nearly one mile wide running north to the northern boundary of Snyderstown borough, including what are now the lands of John Klase, William Garrow, Jesse Gonsar, Jacob Gonsar, H. A. Pensyl, Charles Snyder, and Jake Klase's farm, and part of the Fox farm. This tract had been surveyed at an earlier date and was known as the Hanover Manor. Same was sold to Lewis Dewart and Jacob Snyder, from whom Valentine Klase purchased. Jacob Snyder erected the first burr mill and saw mill at Snyderstown, located on the site of the present mill owned by Grant Gonsar. The said Jacob Snyder was also the founder of Snyderstown, Pa. [for above see deed of Valentine Kloss]. The date of this purchase by Valentine Klase was 1811, as recorded in the recorder's office at Sunbury, Pa. After buying this land he returned to Bethlehem, with the intention of moving here, but meeting with an accident he died. His will bequeathed this land to his widow and children to be held by them as tenants in common, and he appointed his widow, Mary Eva, Jacob, Henry, Abraham, children, and John Smith, brother-in-law, as administrators of his estate, both in Northampton county and Northumberland county. He also stipulated in his will that the land in Northumberland county should not be sold before six years after his death. Some of the family were not suited with the land and requested the sale of same, so on March 19, 1816, four years after the purchase of the land, the Legislature of Pennsylvania passed an act for its special disposal. After this, having been advertised for four weeks in a paper published at Easton, Pa., it was sold to John Smith, one of the administrators, for \$11,067.67. The tract was now parceled out to the following: Jacob, who took the southern part, about 200 acres; Valentine, Jr., central part, 200 acres; John Smith, 200 acres of northern part; Abraham, one half of the western part (joining John Smith), consisting of 200 acres; the balance being sold to different parties. The part that Abraham owned consisted principally of the land bought of Jacob Snyder. Michael, Henry, Eva and Catharine received their share in money. Of this family we have the following record:

Jacob Klase, son of Valentine, Sr., born near Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 28, 1790, died March 18, 1870, and was buried in St. John's cemetery near Snyderstown, Pa. He cleared the greater part of his land for farming, which he followed throughout his life, and it was also the occupation of his

family. They were noted for their hospitality. He built a stone house at Stonington, which is still standing, in a good state of preservation, and built a sawmill on the stream running past the house. He married Polly Schweitzer and had these children: (1) Mary. (2) Catharine, born in 1817, married Jacob Weaver, and died in 1899. She is buried at Rush Presbyterian church, in Rush township. They lived near Rushtown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver had the following children: Mary, born in 1834, died in 1889 (buried in Rush Presbyterian cemetery), who married William Cunningham and had Catharine (married S. Bailey and had one child, George E.), G. S. (married Margaret Gulick, and had children, C. Louis, Sarah E., Margaret V. and Dessie Marione; G. S. Cunningham is living on the old homestead, where he is following farming) and Sarah G. (who married Rev. Thomas Kerr and they have one child, Kathren); Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Miller and had children, Frank, Warren, Charles, Jennie and Samuel; Kate, who married a Mr. Bartlet and had one child, Oliver (they live at West Pittston, Pa.); and Harriet, born in 1835, who died in 1909 and is buried in Rush Presbyterian church cemetery. (3) Elizabeth was born at Stonington, Pa., and died at New Media, Pa., aged ninety-two years. (4) Solomon, born at Stonington, Pa., died while living at the farm. (5) Jacob died unmarried. (6) Annie Marie married a Mr. Lamerson and lived at Danville, where she died. There were no children. (7) Leonard died as the result of an accident at the sawmill. He was unmarried. (8) Samuel is living at Catawissa, Pa., now (1911) in his eighty-fourth year. After selling the farm at Stonington he moved to New Media, Pa., where he also owned a farm, which he sold in 1905. (9) Wilhelm, born at Stonington, died unmarried.

Abraham Klase, son of Valentine, Sr., was born in 1792, died in 1850, and is buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery at Snyder town. He made use of the western half of the northern part of the land purchased by his father, consisting of that part bought of Jacob Snyder, whereon was the gristmill and sawmill, and besides following farming he operated the mill for several years. Meantime he built a house near the mill, and then sold the mill to Samuel Gonsar, whose heirs own the same. He married Elizabeth Smith, and they had the following children: (1) Hannah married George Krieger. (2) Frank Klase died in Shamokin township. (3) Matilda married Samuel Yetter. (4) Catharine married a Mr. Brobst and moved to Iowa. (5) Eliza married Daniel Weaver. (6) William died in California. (7) Abraham, born in 1819, died in 1885, and is buried at Shamokin. He married Catharine Miller, born in 1819, died in 1891, buried at Shamokin, and they had the following children: George

Washington, born in 1843, who married Huldah Clark, died in 1908; Amanda, born in 1844, died in 1907; Regina Catharine, born in 1846, married A. G. Goodwill; Thomas Jefferson, born in 1849, married Sue E. Bolich; Martha Clementine, born in 1851, married A. E. Shissler; Franklin Pierce, born in 1853, died in 1854; Mary Elizabeth, born in 1855, died in 1879; Addison Miller, born in 1857, died in 1881; Ida Rebecca, born in 1859, married W. F. Goodwill; James Buchanan, born in 1861, married Mattie Applegate. (8) Solomon P. was born June 28, 1831.

SOLOMON P. KLAKE, son of Abraham, born June 28, 1831, in Shamokin township, is now living retired at the borough of Snyder town. He became familiar with farm work in boyhood, and when eighteen years old commenced to learn the trades of stone mason and stone cutter, which he continued to follow until several years ago, giving up active work in 1900. He had an excellent reputation for first-class workmanship, and among other undertakings intrusted to him may be mentioned the building of St. Edward's Catholic church at Shamokin, of which he had charge as superintendent. Mr. Klase is a veteran of the Civil war, having entered the Union service in 1862 as a member of Company C (largely recruited from the territory about Snyder town), 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Capt. Thomas R. Jones. He served as corporal. He completed a nine months' term, during which he took part in the fights at Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He is a member of G. A. R. Post No. 335, at Sunbury. Politically Mr. Klase is a Democrat, and he has taken considerable interest in the welfare of his party and the affairs of the borough, where he has been chosen for the offices of councilman and tax collector. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

On Nov. 26, 1854, Mr. Klase married Jane Wittington, who was born Jan. 4, 1834, daughter of Jacob Wittington, and died Feb. 19, 1900. His second marriage on May 14, 1901, was to Sarah Evert, daughter of Isaac Tribbley. Mr. Klase reared James McBride, who is now a resident of Shamokin.

Henry Klase, son of Valentine, Sr., was born near Bethlehem, Northampton Co., Pa., settled at Snyder town in 1817, and there conducted a general store, hauling his merchandise from Reading and Philadelphia, by wagon and team. He moved from there to Danville, Pa., where he died. He married Sallie Smith, daughter of John Smith, and had the following children: Jesse; Mary Jane, Mrs. Kesler; Henry; Jacob, and Wellington. Jesse, who now lives at Danville, is one of the committee of ten of the Klase Family Reunion.

Michael Klase, son of Valentine, Sr., was born Sept. 4, 1794, in Bethlehem township, Northampton county. When the other children came to

Northumberland county he concluded to stay at the old home. He married and had three children: Daniel, Joseph and William. He paid a visit to his brethren living in Northumberland county and while on the trip took sick at the home of Jacob Klase, where he died, Feb. 22, 1852. His children lived at Allentown and Bethlehem, where his descendants are still found. Michael Klase is buried in the Klase row in St. John's Lutheran cemetery at Snyderstown.

Catharine Klase, daughter of Valentine, was born in Bethlehem township, Northampton Co., Pa., Sept. 12, 1796, died June 30, 1875, and is buried at St. Jacob's church, near Reed's station, in Northumberland county. She married Felix Lerch, and early in life moved to Mount Carmel, where they engaged in keeping hotel. For a long time this was the only house of public entertainment in Mount Carmel. According to a reference in the Northumberland county history they had an important hotel stand. Located almost midway between Sunbury and Pottsville, and on the original Indian trail leading to Philadelphia, they saw numbers of the red men as they passed the place. Later they conducted a hotel at Paxinos, Pa. Their children were: Susan, who married Amos Vastine; Benjamin, who lived at Stonington, Pa.; Abraham, who lived at Mount Carmel; Sebella, who married Jacob Tribbley and lived near Stonington (they were the parents of Rev. D. B. Tribbley, minister of the Lutheran Church at Minersville); and William H., the youngest, still living at Mount Carmel, the oldest settler living there to-day, who, though in his eighty-fourth year, conducts a store and is very bright for a man of his years.

Mary Eva Klase, daughter of Valentine, Sr., was born Dec. 20, 1803, died Feb. 13, 1887, and is buried at the Blue church near Paxinos, Pa. On Dec. 7, 1823, she married Solomon Fegley, and they subsequently purchased a farm on what is known at present as the Reading road, three miles west of Paxinos, which they owned for several years. At the end of that time they sold it and purchased a place just north on the Center turnpike. Mr. Fegley followed farming nearly his whole life, in his early years being occupied to some extent in coal mining and railroad building. Mr. and Mrs. Fegley had the following children: Eliza; Valentine; Rosana, Mrs. Sober; Catharine, Mrs. McWilliams; Caroline, who married Willoughby Hass; William; Harriet; Ellen, Mrs. McWilliams; Mary; Eva; George K., living at present at Shamokin, Pa., who is a member of Lincoln Post, G. A. R., has served as sheriff of Northumberland county one term and has been active in politics for a number of years (he at present is treasurer of the Klase Family Reunion); and H. K.

H. K. Fegley, son of Solomon, was born March

15, 1836, and died Aug. 11, 1910. At an early age he went to Sunbury, where he was employed by John W. Fryling in his store. He next engaged in merchandising, which he carried on successfully, and later built a nail mill, in the east end of Sunbury, which prospered also. Mr. Fegley married Mary O'Brien, of Washington, D. C., and their surviving children are: William, who is engaged in electrical operations in Topeka, Kans.; Mrs. J. A. Lamb, living at Sunbury, Pa.; and Mrs. William Colhoun, of Sunbury.

Valentine Klase, Jr., son of Valentine, Sr., was born in Bethlehem township, Northampton Co., Pa., July 13, 1799, and died April 20, 1872; he is buried in St. John's cemetery at Snyderstown. He married Mary Baker, of Milton, Pa., where she was born Feb. 6, 1794, her family being pioneer settlers in that section. Mrs. Klase died Feb. 11, 1884, and is buried in St. John's cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Klase settled on a tract of land one mile south of Snyderstown, same being a part of the purchase of Valentine Klase, Sr. Here in 1817 they erected a log house and barn, which is still standing and in a good state of preservation; it is now owned by Charles Snyder, who at present owns part of this farm, located a short distance south of Snyderstown. They cleared the land of timber and started farming, which was Mr. Klase's occupation until the time of his death. In 1823 he erected a distillery for the manufacture of liquors. In looking over some of his papers we find the price for the distilling of one bushel of rye was twenty-five cents; whiskey sold for forty cents per gallon. Valentine Klase was also engaged in the cutting of timber and its manufacture into lumber. He owned a tract of timber land on Fishing creek, in Columbia county, Pa., the timber for which was sawed up and rafted down the creek to the river, thence to Sunbury, where it was disposed of. He was a progressive man, as is shown by the fact that he was a strong advocate of the free school system. On election day he rode eight miles through eighteen inches of freshly fallen snow to cast his vote for free schools, being the only one to go from Snyderstown. This election carried for free schools by a majority of one, so his efforts were not wasted. About the first school held in Snyderstown was a subscription school held at his house for several winters. Jacob Snyder, the founder of Snyderstown, left a plot of ground for school purposes. Valentine Klase was one of three trustees appointed to hold this land and they filled this trust till there was a regular school board elected by Shamokin township, after which the same was turned over to them. The papers relative to this are still in existence.

On the farm which Valentine Klase owned was what was considered to be a valuable mineral deposit. This was tested for oil in 1869 to a depth of

600 feet, by drillings. In 1887 it was again tested, to a depth of 3,200 feet, for the same purpose, neither test showing any signs of oil. On this farm is found a mineral spring the waters of which may be drunk of freely by man, but the same is death to small animals, as they succumb almost as soon as they touch the water. The compiler has seen as many as a half dozen dead in it, at once, some having died apparently just before his coming.

Valentine, Jacob and Henry Klase, along with John Smith and Samuel Hoover, were the founders of St. John's Lutheran Church at Snyder-town, which church was erected jointly by Lutherans and those of the German Reformed faith, in 1821.

All the generation of the sons and daughters of Valentine Klase, Sr., have passed away. They were among the early settlers of Snyder-town and vicinity, living there and raising families who were honest, upright, stalwart men and women. They not only cleared the ground but improved it, fought back the wolves and panthers, and saw all the wild animals depart gradually for thicker forest lands. The record of the children of Valentine Klase, Jr., is as follows:

(1) Catharine Klase, daughter of Valentine, Jr., married Abraham Rimert. They owned and lived on a farm one mile west of Stonington, on the Center turnpike, and were engaged in farming until the time of his death, which occurred very suddenly while he was on a trip to Sunbury. They had the following children: David; Martin; Valentine; Albert; Samuel; Mandis; Mary, who married John Savage and lived in Sunbury; Jane, Mrs. Koons, who lives in Watsonstown, Pa.; and Anna, Mrs. Hoff. Abraham and Catharine Rimert are buried at St. John's Lutheran cemetery, Snyder-town.

(2) Eva Klase, daughter of Valentine, Jr., was born at the homestead at Snyder-town and died in Ohio. She married George William Lerch and early in life they moved to Canton, Ohio, where he purchased a farm, which they cultivated until his death. They had eleven children, all of whom were living at the time of the fiftieth anniversary of their parents' wedding, which was celebrated on Feb. 4, 1891.

(3) John Klase, son of Valentine, Jr., was born Oct. 3, 1821, at the homestead in Shamokin township, and died May 12, 1906. He is buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery, Snyder-town. When John Klase was but sixteen years of age he would drive a four-horse team to Pottsville, Pa., with a load of produce. The trip would take from three to four days. Arriving at Mount Carmel, he would stay over night, stopping with Felix Lerch, his uncle. This hotel being very often crowded, he like others would roll up in sheepskin robes and sleep on the bar-room floor. At this time there

were practically no houses after leaving the Weigh Scales, near Shamokin, till near Pottsville, and he has related how the deer often crossed the road in droves, and toward evening the howl of wildcats and panthers could be heard. While he was still a boy Mr. Arnold shot a panther that measured nine feet in length, within a half mile of the house, and one morning when sent out to bring in the horses he found a large black bear in the pasture fields; the animal scampered away at his approach. In his early life he began the study of music, in which he excelled considering the limitations of the times, and he taught singing school, was musician for the military company during the battalion days, and led the choir of the Lutheran Church at Snyder-town for forty years. His opportunities for obtaining an education were very meager. After attending subscription school several months during the winter, he had the advantage of one winter at an academy in Bethlehem, Pa. He had charge of his father's lumber interests on Fishing creek in Columbia county, where he manufactured lumber, rafting the same down to Sunbury. Buying a piece of land, which now forms a part of the farm owned by Henry Pensyl, of Stonington, he cleared it and farmed there to the time of his marriage, Nov. 8, 1849, to Margaret Evert, daughter of Solomon and Rachel (Lorman) Evert, of Snyder-town. After marriage he moved on the farm of Mr. Evert, for whom he farmed ten years. Then he and his brother Valentine purchased the John Smith farm, a half mile east of Snyder-town, which they farmed in partnership for a number of years, at the end of which period John Klase bought Valentine's interest and continued to live on the farm till the time of his death. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Snyder-town, having joined the congregation when seventeen years of age, under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Shindel. In 1845 he joined Mount Taber Lodge of Odd Fellows, located at Shamokin, and several years later he and several others succeeded in getting Shamokin Valley Lodge, No. 527, I. O. O. F., organized at Snyder-town, Mr. Klase being one of the charter members. He passed all the chairs, was secretary for twenty years in succession, and helped to build the new Odd Fellows Hall more than fifty years after the organization. John Klase was one of the foremost men of this section in his active years, identified with many phases of the life of the community. He was one of the first school directors to serve in Snyder-town borough, and held several other borough offices. He was not only trusted and respected by his fellow citizens, but he held their affectionate esteem to an unusual degree, old and young alike addressing him familiarly as "uncle." On Nov. 8, 1899, he and his wife Margaret celebrated their fiftieth anniversary of wedded life. The celebration was attended by 227 guests, who partook of dinner. Mr.

and Mrs. Klase were married by R. A. Fisher, and on the occasion of the golden wedding Rev. Mr. Wampole, of Shamokin, Pa., was present and gave a very interesting talk to the guests. Mrs. Klase is now living with her son John. She has reached the age of eighty. John and Margaret Klase had the following children: (1) Sallie J., born Nov. 21, 1852, died Aug. 8, 1897. She married Dr. G. A. Smith, son of Daniel Smith, of Snyderstown, and they lived for a short time at Hartleton, Pa., thence moving to Liberty, Tioga Co., Pa., where the Doctor built up a very lucrative practice. He is still living there. Mrs. Smith came home to visit her father in the summer of 1897, while he was sick, and taking sick while there died at his home. She is buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery at Snyderstown. She had three children: Bertha G., who is a graduate of the Mansfield State normal school, and has been teaching for a number of winters very successfully; Arthur A., who graduated from Bucknell University and later studied law, which he is now practicing in Williamsport, where he makes his home (he married Alta Shae); and Leon, who is at home with his father and is attending school. (2) Solomon Ellis, eldest son of John Klase, was born at Snyderstown, Nov. 12, 1854, and as a boy worked on his father's farm during the summer months, going to the public school during the winter seasons. When twenty he attended the Elysburg Academy one or two terms, after which he taught public school several terms. When fourteen years of age he joined St. John's Lutheran Church and at once became active in both Sunday school and church work. He has a fine record as superintendent of the Sunday school, which position he has filled for twenty-five years in succession without missing one Sunday in attendance. He married Flora Deibler, daughter of Jonosoe B. Deibler, of Snyderstown, and is living at present on the homestead farm of John Klase, where he has erected a house and barn, being half owner of the homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Klase had two children, Mabel, who died at the age of sixteen, and Myrle, who is living at home. (3) John Hower.

JOHN HOWER KLAKE, youngest son of John Klase, was born March 6, 1864, at the homestead at Snyderstown. As a boy he worked on the farm during the summer months, going to school during the winter terms, until sixteen years of age, when he went to the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove for one term, thence going to New Berlin for two terms. He then helped to build the Philadelphia & Reading railroad through Snyderstown, and in the year 1884 graduated from the Woods Commercial College, Williamsport. Immediately thereafter he started cutting and manufacturing timber for the coal mines, continuing this business alone for five years, when he entered into a copartnership with Luther Cooper and enlarged

the scope of his operations, manufacturing lumber for all general purposes. After cutting and manufacturing timber for two years in the southern part of Northumberland county, Mr. Klase bought out Mr. Cooper's interest and connected himself with S. Bailey, of Danville, Pa., with whom he entered into the manufacture of lumber on an extensive scale in Perry, Juniata, Huntingdon and Franklin counties, in which region he spent five years. In 1897 he took a half interest in the homestead farm, which he and his brother Ellis bought, later on, each having half of the 180 acres. He is living at the present time on the old homestead farm, in the house built by John Smith in the year 1815; it is a stone house, and the walls are as solid as the day they were completed. John Smith, a brother-in-law of Valentine Klase and one of his administrators, lived and died on this farm and raised his family there. He was the progenitor of the Smith descendants now in that community. He and his wife are buried in St. John's cemetery at Snyderstown. At his death the farm was purchased by John Klase and Valentine, his brother. John Hower Klase is at present engaged in farming and the raising of market truck, taking special interest in the hybridizing of grains and small fruits, in which line he has had very good results, in the way of producing much hardier species.

On June 12, 1889, Mr. Klase married Elizabeth L. Miller, daughter of Christian and Esther (Reed) Miller, of Paxinos, Pa., and they have had two children, both living: Myrtle May, born April 16, 1890, attended public school till seventeen years of age, taught Hills school one term, and then entered the Bloomsburg State normal school, where she graduated in July, 1910; she is engaged in teaching at the present time. Maud Esther, the younger daughter, born Feb. 27, 1894, attended public school till sixteen years of age and at the present time is attending Bloomsburg State normal school, being a member of the class of 1912.

Mr. Klase is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and for a number of years was a teacher of the male Bible class in the Lutheran Sunday school. In 1885 he joined Shamokin Valley Lodge, No. 527, I. O. O. F., of Snyderstown, which was organized in 1856, and has gone through all the degrees; has represented the lodge at the annual meeting of the grand lodge several times; has been a representative of his lodge to the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home Association for eight years; has served there on the Property committee three years, and at present is serving as chairman of the board of trustees, taking a particular interest in the welfare of the home. He joined Royal Arcanum Lodge No. 945, at Sunbury, where he continues his membership at the present time. He is also a member of the P. O. S. of A. He was one of the originators of the Klase Family Reunion,

and has been active in the work since its establishment, having been first secretary of same and historian. He has served his fellow citizens as member of the school board and of the town council, as auditor, constable and borough officer. Politically he is a Democrat.

(4) Levina Klase, daughter of Valentine, Jr., was born at the home near Snyderstown; she married Isaac Boughner and they moved early in life to Macon, Mich., where they engaged in farming to the end of their days. They had the following children: Jefferson, George, Clara, Bell and Henryetta, all living in Michigan as far as known.

(5) Hannah Klase, daughter of Valentine, Jr., was born at the homestead farm near Snyderstown. She married Daniel Donbach, and they moved to Ringtown, Schuylkill county, where they resided to the time of her death. Their children were as follows: Catharine, the eldest, married Joseph Klingerman and they moved to Beaver Meadow, where he was an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company; George, a college graduate, for several years was engaged in missionary work in the far West, coming back to Pennsylvania in 1908 and engaging in contracting and building at Shamokin, where he now resides; Laura, youngest daughter of Mrs. Hannah Donbach, is living at present at Ringtown, Pa., taking care of her father, who has become an invalid.

(6) Susan Klase, daughter of Valentine, Jr., was born at the homestead near Snyderstown Dec. 12, 1833. She received a meager education in her youth, attending public school for a few months during the winter. In September, 1855, she married George C. Adams, of Ralpho township, son of Casper Adams. For several years they lived in Snyderstown, until Mr. Adams bought the Adams homestead farm in Ralpho township, Northumberland county, to which they moved in 1863, residing there till the time of Mr. Adams's death. He was an active member of and worker in the German Reformed Church, where he held the office of deacon for a long time, and he is buried at the Blue church near Paxinos. Since his death Mrs. Adams has been living mostly with her son, G. G. Adams, and daughter Mahala. She is a member of the German Reformed Church. Mr. and Mrs. Adams had the following children: Alvin, who met with an accident on the railroad that caused his death; Leannah, who married Francis Barrell and they reside at Reading, Pa.; Mahala, married to Charles Paul, and residing at Paxinos, Pa. (they have one child, Belva, who married Grant Vought, now of Emporium, Pa., and has one child); and General G., youngest son, born in Ralpho township. As a boy General G. Adams worked on the farm during the summer months, attending school in the winter. He married Sadie Miller, daughter of Christian and Esther (Reed) Miller, of Paxinos, and after his marriage purchased a store in

Snyderstown, which he conducted for several years. Selling it he bought the homestead farm, and engaged in farming for several years, then conducting the hotel at Paxinos for three years. He next bought the "Elysburg Hotel," which he enlarged and there he and his wife reside at the present time, conducting the hotel along with their farm. They have one child, George Hatton, who is at home with them.

(7) Sallie Klase, daughter of Valentine, Jr., was born at the homestead at Snyderstown. She married Noah Ware and they lived most of their lives in the northern end of Northumberland county. They had four children: William, who is employed conducting a sawmill in operation near Catawissa, Pa.; Benjamin, who is married and lives near Washingtonville, Pa.; Jefferson, who is married and lives at Three Rivers, Mich.; and Maryann, who married Albert Hill and resides at Milton, Pa. (they have two children).

(8) Valentine Klase, son of Valentine, Jr., was born at the homestead near Snyderstown, in 1830, and died in 1891 at Snyderstown, where he is buried at St. John's Lutheran cemetery. During his early boyhood he worked on the farm during the summer months, attending school a few months in the wintertime. When a young man he learned the blacksmith's trade at Snyderstown. He married Sophia Evert, daughter of Solomon and Rachel (Lorman) Evert. After his marriage he conducted a shop for several years in Elysburg, Pa., after which he and his brother John bought the John Smith farm in partnership, conducting it for several years. Then Valentine disposed of his interest to his brother John and moved on to the Solomon Evert farm, thence to Snyderstown, where he erected a house and blacksmith shop, and continued to reside till the time of his death. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and a well known man, having served in a number of the borough offices. He and his wife had the following children: Cordelia married George Albert Startzle and they reside in Snyderstown; they have had children, Nora, Maude and Clifford. Allison married Lydia Startzle and they reside in Snyderstown. John Curtis married Catharine Resler, resides in Snyderstown, and has one child, Violet. Rodella married George Gross and they moved to Mount Carmel, Pa., where she died, survived by one child, Alice. The brothers John Curtis and Allison Klase were for a number of years in partnership, conducting a threshing outfit and sawmill. Later Allison sold out his interest to John Curtis, who is conducting same at present.

(9) William H. Klase, son of Valentine, Jr., was born at the homestead near Snyderstown Jan. 3, 1824. Like the rest of the children of the family he was employed on the farm during his younger years, helping to clear the land in the summer time and going to school several months in the

winter. When he became a young man he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for a number of years at Snyderstown. He married Susan Adams, daughter of Casper Adams, of Ralpho township, Northumberland county, and they resided for a number of years on a farm situated on the Center turnpike, about two miles east of Stonington. In 1861 he moved to a farm a half mile west of Snyderstown, which he bought, and has made his home there ever since. By his first wife he had two children, of whom Maryetta is married to Solomon F. Arnold and resides in Snyderstown (they have one child, Lula, who married John Deibler and has two children, Martin and Robert). After the death of his first wife William H. Klase married Lena Dunkleberger, by which union he had two children: P. C., who is at home with his parents; and Agnes, who married J. G. Quick and has two children living, Leon and Mildred, J. G. being deceased (they live at Snyderstown, Mr. Quick being engaged in contracting and building).

William H. Klase, at the present time of writing in his eighty-eighth year, is in general good health for his age. He is a member of the German Reformed Church, has held numerous borough offices, and is highly respected in the community. At his home some forty members of the family, including his children, grandchildren, sister Mrs. Adams, and other relatives, assembled on Jan. 1, 1910, to celebrate his eighty-sixth birthday, in honor of which he was presented a handsome Morris chair and other gifts. At this time and place the Klase Family Reunion was organized, Solomon F. Arnold being elected president and John H. Klase secretary. The time appointed for the first meeting was July 27, 1910, and Edgewood park, Shamokin, Pa., the place.

KLASE FAMILY REUNION.—The first annual reunion of the Klase family was held at Edgewood park, Shamokin, Pa., on July 27, 1910. The notices and invitations for this affair were sent out to the descendants of Valentine Klase (or Klose), Sr., as at the time there was not a complete record of the children of Johonas Kloss. But since he began the compilation of this record Mr. John H. Klase has been able to learn who his children were, and finds that Jacob, one of them, moved to Milmont, Ohio, in 1851, taking his family, which consisted of sons and daughters. This branch of the family held its second annual reunion at Meadowbrook park, Bascom, Ohio, on Aug. 25, 1910. Mr. John Hower Klase received an invitation to same, as he did also to a reunion of the Hoover family, one of Johonas' daughters being married to Henry Hoover. They lived in Northampton county and are the ancestors of the Hoover family living in Northumberland county. The rest of the family of Johonas cannot at present be located and should this sketch be read by any of

the descendants Mr. Klase desires them to get into communication with him as soon as possible. Invitation to the next annual gathering of the Klase Family Reunion will be extended to the descendants of Johonas Kloss as far as known, every effort being made to include all the relatives.

John Smith, one of the early settlers in Snyderstown, Pa., was a brother-in-law to Valentine Klase, Sr. Mr. Smith settled here in 1811, and Mr. Klase finds from the birth of his oldest daughter that he built the stone house wherein Mr. Klase resides in 1815. So that part of the Klase family very probably came up at the same time about 1811, and settled on the Valentine Klase tract of land.

The meeting at Edgewood park, on July 27, 1910, was attended by about three hundred and fifty, Mr. Klase's register showing 320 names, while there were several families that did not register. The meeting was called to order by President Solomon F. Arnold at 1:30 P. M., and after he had stated the object of the gathering a committee of ten was appointed to serve for one year to complete the organization, viz.: C. F. Lerch, Silas Klase, George K. Fegley, Jesse Klase, Felix Lerch, Mrs. Alice Price, Mrs. Doll. Goodwill, Mrs. Jane Koons, Mrs. Mary Savage and Rev. D. B. Tribley. These elected Solomon F. Arnold, president, John H. Klase, secretary, George K. Fegley, treasurer, to serve for one year. Rolling Green park, near Sunbury, Pa., and the second Wednesday in August, 1911, were chosen as the next place and time of meeting. After these arrangements had been completed Rev. D. B. Tribley was introduced and gave a very interesting address treating on the early immigration to America, the faithful honesty and liberality of the early members of the family. The address was well delivered and received with applause. All present enjoyed the occasion.

In writing the sketch of the Klase family, Mr. Klase was hampered very much by want of time, being obliged to do most of it after working all day on the farm, writing generally for an hour in the evening. Where dates of birth and death are not given the same were missing from records he had at this time, and he hopes that all the descendants of the family will coöperate with him by furnishing all available dates and giving him any information at their disposal, so that the family record may be properly completed and preserved for future generations.

JOHN B. CRESSINGER, M. D., who practices in Sunbury, where he has been located throughout his independent professional career, bears a name which has long been associated with professional circles in that borough, where his father has been a dental practitioner for over forty years. The family has been established in Pennsylvania for over a hundred and fifty years, the branch here

under consideration having descended from John George Cressinger, a German count who emigrated to America in 1753, he being one of three brothers who came to this country, William, John George and Henry.

John George Cressinger settled in Berks county, Pa. He was an officer of the Continental army during the Revolutionary war, taking an active part in many of the battles of that struggle for independence, and his wife accompanied him through the entire period of his service in that conflict. After its close they came to Northumberland county, Pa., settling in Augusta township, where they led long and happy lives, attaining a ripe old age. They are buried at the White Church, at the foot of Trevorton mountain. They reared four sons, William, John, George and Henry.

Henry Cressinger, great-grandfather of Dr. John B. Cressinger, was an officer in the war of 1812-15. For many years he lived at the mountain, near the mouth of Shamokin creek. He died Aug. 20, 1830, and is buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury. He married Margaret Renn, and they had two sons, John B. and Barney, the latter of whom left Sunbury during the fifties, and died in Michigan.

Rev. John B. Cressinger, son of Henry, was born Jan. 1, 1812, in Sunbury, Northumberland county, and lived here many years. He became a minister of the Baptist Church, and in that capacity organized and built up several churches, preaching in his native county until his removal to Ohio, in October, 1848. Here he passed the remainder of his life, and died May 4, 1895. On July 4, 1831, he married Mary Baumgardner, who died April 21, 1881, at the age of seventy-five years, her death being caused by an accident. This couple were the parents of eight children, of whom two sons and one daughter died in infancy, four sons and one daughter reaching maturity. Of the sons, Daniel B. enlisted in 1861 in an Ohio regiment, received an honorable discharge from the army in 1863, and died soon after his return home, at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Isaac and Jacob R., the youngest, were twins. Isaac enlisted in 1862 in Company C, 23d Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was captured at Harper's Ferry and confined at Libby and Andersonville, and in the fall of 1863 was exchanged, being subsequently discharged on a surgeon's certificate. In January, 1864, he re-enlisted, and he was killed at the battle of Cedar Creek, Va., Oct. 19, 1864.

Jacob R. Cressinger, D. D. S., son of Rev. John B. Cressinger, was born May 31, 1844, at Sunbury. He received his early education in the common schools and took up the study of dentistry with his brother. When the Civil war broke out he was a student at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, and he enlisted soon at Cleveland, being mustered

into the service Aug. 27, 1861, becoming a member of Company E, 41st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served four years and three months, receiving his discharge Nov. 27, 1865. He rose to the rank of second lieutenant by brevet. Dr. Cressinger was in active service throughout the war, taking part in the battle of Shiloh and the siege of Corinth; was on garrison duty at Murfreesboro; in the battles of Perryville and Stone River, where he was wounded the second day; was on duty at Readyville, Tenn., and in the Tullahoma campaign; took part in the engagements at Ringgold, Gordon's Mills, Chickamauga, Brown's Ferry, Orchard Knob and Mission Ridge; and in the expedition to the relief of Knoxville. He was mustered out Dec. 31, 1863, at Blain's Cross Roads, veteranizing Jan. 1, 1864; took part in the battle of Dandridge, Tenn., Jan. 16-17, and on Jan. 17th started for home, on a thirty days' furlough. Rejoining his command at Chattanooga, Tenn., March 10, 1864, he subsequently took part in the battles at Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Adairsville, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Culp's House, Knickajack Creek, Chattahoochee River, Pickett's Mills, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Utah Creek, Lovejoy Station (Ga.), Columbia, Franklin, Nashville, and in the pursuit of Hood to Huntsville, Ala. Thereafter he was with his regiment in Texas.

After the war Dr. Cressinger completed his preparation for the dental profession, in February, 1868, settling in Sunbury, where he has ever since been engaged in successful practice. Dr. Cressinger is the genealogist of his family, and has made considerable research into its early history, which interests him exceedingly. He has the little iron hammer carried by his great-grandfather while serving in the Revolutionary war, and by his grandfather while serving in the war of 1812, used to sharpen the flints of their guns.

Dr. Cressinger is well known in social and fraternal circles in Sunbury, being a prominent worker in the G. A. R., an Odd Fellow and a thirty-second-degree Mason. He has been particularly active in the Masonic fraternity, in which he has a most creditable record of service. He was initiated in September, 1873, in old Lodge No. 22, of Sunbury, was crafted in October, 1873, and raised in November, 1873; was elected secretary of that body in December, and at the end of his first year's service declined renomination for the office, as he wished to pass the chairs, which he did. In 1885 he was again made secretary, and has filled the position continuously since, an office which he has also held in Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., continuously since his first election, in 1892. He is a leading member of the First Baptist Church, of which he has been a deacon thirty-six years, and was organist and musical director for thirty-five years.

On May 31, 1869, Dr. Cressinger married, in Sunbury, Mary A. Brice, and to them were born three children, the daughter, Edna, dying when eighteen months old. The two survivors are John B. and Horace G., the latter now living in Chicago, Ill., where he is connected with the Rubber Manufacturing & Distributing Company.

John B. Cressinger was born in Sunbury Dec. 27 (St. John's Day), 1871, and obtained his early education in his native place. He graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1887, after which he took a course at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, graduating from that institution in 1893, with the degree of Ph. B., and subsequently attending the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania for three years, graduating in 1896 with the M. D. degree. For fifteen months after his graduation he was resident physician at St. Agnes hospital, on Broad and Mifflin streets, Philadelphia, at the end of that period settling in Sunbury, where he has built up an extensive practice. He met with encouraging success from the start, and has become widely known as an able and faithful physician, devoted to his work, in which he finds his keenest pleasure. He is a man of athletic build, six feet, two inches in height, and a well known figure on the streets of Sunbury.

On April 1, 1907, Dr. Cressinger married Eva Haas, daughter of John B. Haas, of Sunbury.

REV. JAMES W. GILLAND, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Shamokin, Northumberland county, has served that charge for the long period of twenty-two years, having remained ten years from the time he was first installed, and at present serving the thirteenth year of his second period.

Dr. Gilland was born Nov. 24, 1853, in Antrim township, Franklin Co., Pa., where his father had passed his long life. His grandfather, Thomas Gilland, was a native of the North of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish extraction, and emigrated to America about 1804, locating in Antrim township, Franklin Co., Pa., where he followed agricultural pursuits. He died about 1840, from pneumonia, when about sixty-six years old, and his wife, Jane (McDowell), died a number of years later. They were Scotch Presbyterians, and both are buried near Funkstown, in Franklin county. Their children were James R. and Thomas. The former was a graduate of Jefferson, at Canonsburg, Pa., and became a Presbyterian minister in the South, later acting as professor of homiletics in the theological seminary at Columbia, S. C.; he died in 1868.

Thomas Gilland, son of Thomas, was born Nov. 15, 1813, and learned the trade of carpenter, later, however, settling down to farming in Antrim township, Franklin county. He lived retired several years, dying on his farm Dec. 14, 1893, in his eighty-first year. He is buried at Greencastle,

Pa. He was a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Gilland served a number of years as school director. His wife, Susan (Conrad), daughter of John Conrad, originally from Lancaster county, died in 1903 at the age of eighty-four years. They had a family of ten children, namely: Mary, Mrs. Samuel Showalter; Thomas R., deceased; Susar, Mrs. Samuel Stover; Sarah Jennie, unmarried, who owns part of her father's homestead; Barbara, who died in infancy; Dr. John C., of Greencastle, Pa.; Matthew M., a farmer near Greencastle; Rev. James W.; David A., farmer, of Greencastle, who has part of his father's homestead; and George S., a farmer of Greencastle.

James W. Gilland spent the first seventeen years of his life upon the farm, meantime receiving the beginnings of his education in the common schools of his native township. In 1871 he entered Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa., where he remained one and a half years, doing preparatory work, and in 1873 he matriculated at Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., where he completed a full course, graduating in 1873. He was valedictorian of his class and delivered the classical oration. Entering Union Theological Seminary, at New York City, he graduated from that institution in May, 1880, and was ordained by the Presbytery of Carlisle at Duncannon, Pa., in June, 1881, when called to his first charge, the First Presbyterian Church of Duncannon. He was installed in June, 1881, and remained at that location until 1884, when he accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Shamokin. He received this call Feb. 20th and was installed May 29th. His labors met with gratifying rewards, and he remained in the charge until 1894, when he became pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church at Brooklyn, N. Y., which he served until December, 1898. At that time, at the solicitation of his old congregation, he returned to Shamokin, where he has since been located. The First Presbyterian Church has a membership of 432, and the congregation has prospered in every way under his care, \$80,000 having been collected during his pastorate for the church edifice and parsonage. The church has grown in membership, equipment and efficiency under his charge. Dr. Gilland is a man of executive ability as well as other strong qualities needed for the successful administration of so large a church. He is an excellent and entertaining speaker, and indefatigable in prosecuting the various enterprises undertaken by the congregation. The degree of D. D. was conferred upon him in 1894 by Lafayette College.

On Sept. 23, 1880, Dr. Gilland married Mary Clark, daughter of Edwin and Mary A. (Davis) Clark, of Lancaster, Pa. They have had the following children: Thomas O., a graduate of Lafayette College, is engaged as a civil engineer in Philadelphia with the Philadelphia & Reading

Railroad Company; James M., a graduate of Lafayette College, is engaged as a civil engineer with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, being inspector of construction work on the Williamsport division; Prof. Edwin C., a graduate of Lafayette College, has charge of the department of mathematics at the Shamokin high school; William D. was ready for college but owing to poor health went out to New Mexico, where he is now engaged as superintendent of the North American Mining Company; Mary F. married Thomas B. Hill and they reside at Shamokin; Susan O. is deceased; Morris W. is the youngest.

ISAAC RICHE, at present engaged in farming in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, was born in that township May 17, 1844, and belongs to a family which has been identified with this county for over a century. The family is of German origin. Mr. Riche's great-grandfather came to this country from Germany before the Revolutionary war and settled in Berks county, Pa., where he lived and died.

Moses Riche (or Richie), son of the emigrant, was born in Berks county May 14, 1773, and moved thence to Northumberland county, settling near what is now known as Seven Points, in Rockefeller township, in which section he was a pioneer. The Indians were still numerous in these parts when he located there. He died upon his farm (then included in Shamokin township) June 25, 1851, and he and his wife Rebecca are buried at the Summit church in Shamokin township. She was born July 30, 1781, and died Oct. 12, 1876. Among their children were: Miles, who died in Indiana; Henry, who died in Fishing Creek, Columbia Co., Pa.; Isaac; Rebecca, wife of Abner Tharp; and Elizabeth, wife of William Morris.

Isaac Riche, son of Moses Riche, was born in 1812 in Rockefeller township, and died Sept. 27, 1900. His occupation was farming, and in time he was able to buy the Thomas Tharp farm, a tract of fifty acres, to which he added by various purchases. He attended market at Shamokin, where he became well known, and was a substantial and respected citizen of his day. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Tharp, Mr. Riche had two children, Moses and Mary E., both of whom are deceased. His second marriage was to Anna Hummel, who was born in 1801, daughter of Frederick Hummel, and died Jan. 19, 1884, aged eighty-three years. She was the mother of three children: Samuel, who lives in Shamokin township; Henry, living at Tharptown; and Isaac.

Isaac Riche, son of Isaac Riche, grew up in his native township, and when a young man learned the business of powder making, at which he became an expert, following same for a number of years. His last employment in that line was at the Trevorton Mills. In 1908 he returned to farming, the

occupation of his youth, and has since been engaged in that work, owning part of the old homestead in Shamokin township, whereon he makes his home. He has been quite successful, being industrious and progressive, ready to adopt up-to-date methods and appliances to facilitate his work, and directing his energies intelligently and effectively.

Mr. Riche married Lucy C. Groves, daughter of Joseph Groves, and they are the parents of the following children: Joseph W. is mentioned below; Laura married Rufus Savage; Lillie married Leslie Wolverton; William E. is mentioned below; Agnes married Jacob Dreher; Francis is living in Shamokin township; Elory is a resident of Shamokin; Flossie married William Newberry; George Herman assists his father with the farm work; Arley is living in Shamokin township. Mr. Riche is a member of the United Brethren Church.

JOSEPH W. RICHIE (as he and his brother write the name), son of Isaac Riche, was born July 29, 1873, and was reared upon the home farm in Shamokin township, attending the public schools of that locality and of Locust township, Columbia county. When a young man of eighteen he came to the borough of Shamokin, where he has since remained. He learned the business of photographer, at which he was employed by others for about six years, until he felt justified in engaging in the business on his own account. His location is at the corner of Shamokin and Commerce streets. Mr. Richie has built up a lucrative patronage, his progressive methods, skill and artistic taste, combined with executive ability, bringing him a large business. His work is its own recommendation. He is energetic, obliging and up-to-date, and his customers appreciate the courteous and satisfactory service rendered at his establishment.

Mr. Richie married Bertha Gass, daughter of William J. Gass, of Shamokin, and they have had four children: Elva, William, Mildred and Margie. Mr. Richie is a member of the United Brethren Church and socially holds membership in the local lodge of the B. P. O. Elks.

WILLIAM E. RICHIE, son of Isaac Riche, was born Feb. 26, 1875, in Shamokin township, where he now carries on farming. He attended the public schools, and subsequently worked with his father until he reached the age of eighteen, after which he took charge of the homestead farm, continuing thus for three years. For the next twelve years he farmed the Wolverton farm, in Shamokin township, at the end of that period buying land of his own, a tract of 135 acres in Irish Valley formerly known as the Jesse Martz farm. It is located about three miles from the borough of Shamokin, and Mr. Richie has a milk route to that place which he supplies daily. He engages in general farming, and his place is one of the finest in this fertile valley, not only because of its rich soil and

excellent location but also in the matter of up-to-date buildings and general improvements. He is a thrifty man, a useful citizen and a much respected member of his community.

Mr. Richie married Rebecca Mowery, daughter of Peter and Mary Ann (Moyer) Mowery, and they have a family of six children: Verna, Melvin, Mary, Clarence, Leon and Elwood. Mr. Richie is a Democrat in politics and in religion a member of the United Brethren Church.

ASHER S. HOFFMAN has a large farm in the northwestern section of Point township, along Montour Ridge, and is one of the most progressive agriculturists of his vicinity, where he has also served in public offices and proved useful in various associations. He is an energetic man, and has prospered by application to his work until he ranks among the successful farmers of the township.

The Hoffman family has long been settled in Pennsylvania. Henry Hoffman, grandfather of Asher S. Hoffman, was born in Berks county, Pa., and when a young man moved thence to Union county, dying in that vicinity, in what is now Monroe township, Snyder county, in 1834. He was buried at Shamokin Dam, Snyder county, in the same grave as his wife, Rebecca, who died only twelve hours before he did. Mr. Hoffman was a shoemaker, and found work at his trade among the farmers in his locality. He was the father of a large family, namely: George died in Monroe township, Snyder county; William died in Huntingdon county, Pa.; Rebecca married John Brobst; Elijah died in Iowa; Henry died at Selinsgrove, Pa.; Polly married Lewis Bower; David is mentioned below; John died in Northumberland borough; Hannah married Charles Kessler and died in Kansas; Charles, born in March, 1831, now living at Selinsgrove, Pa., married Molly Matthias and they had three children, Adda E. (Mrs. William Snook), Sarah (unmarried) and Margaret (Mrs. John Clopp); Sarah married Charles Dunkelberger and is living in Chicago, Illinois.

David Hoffman, son of Henry, was born Sept. 8, 1825, in Snyder county, and being only a boy when his parents died was reared in the family of Mrs. Betsy Brobst. He learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for some years, and soon after attaining his majority commenced farming in Monroe township, Snyder county, remaining there until he removed across the river into Point township, Northumberland county, in 1873. He continued farming in his new location to the end of his days, passing away Dec. 25, 1885, in Point township, at the age of sixty years. In politics a Democrat, he took an interest in party affairs and the public welfare, serving as supervisor of his township while a resident of Snyder county and as overseer of the poor in Point township. He was a Lutheran in religion. His wife, Sarah E. (Bower), daughter of Henry Bower, of Dry Valley, Union Co., Pa., survived him a number of years, dying March 27, 1902, aged sixty-one years, five months, twelve days. They had children as follows: Emma, who is the widow of S. H. Smith, of Sunbury; Asher S.; Harry W., of Sunbury; and Mary E., who married Peter Winters, of Danville, Pennsylvania.

Asher S. Hoffman was born June 12, 1862, in Monroe township, Snyder Co., Pa., and there spent his youth up to his twelfth year, when he moved with the family across the Susquehanna into Point township, Northumberland county. He continued to assist his father until he was twenty-four years old, since when he has been farming on his own account, in Point township. In the spring of 1893 he settled upon the place he has since occupied, and cultivated, what was the old Thomas Baumgardner farm, which he operated as a tenant during the first eight years of his residence there; he purchased it in 1901, from John Baumgardner. The property contains 305 acres, and Mr. Hoffman is not only engaged in general farming but also gives considerable attention to live stock, owning some valuable cattle. For thirteen years he ran a dairy wagon to Northumberland, but since 1907 he has wholesaled his milk, finding this plan more convenient with the numerous details connected with the work about the place. The farm is so large that excellent management is necessary to keep it in good running order, but Mr. Hoffman has been very successful in arranging his work, and he is regarded as one of the most intelligent farmers in the region, his operations and methods showing results which justify this opinion of him. He has served as school director of the township since 1898, was president of the board one year and has been secretary of that body since 1901; he was a road supervisor, filling that position from 1907 to 1910.

On Feb. 10, 1885, Mr. Hoffman married S. Lizzie Zeluff, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Renn) Zeluff, late of Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa., whose children were John W., Mary A., Charles H., William F., Susan Lizzie (Mrs. Hoffman) and Margaret. Solomon Zeluff, Mrs. Hoffman's grandfather, was of French and English descent. He moved from Tioga county, Pa., to Northumberland, Northumberland county, where he is buried. His children were: Mary, who married John Marshall; Benjamin; Jane; Margaret, now the only member of the family living (she is past eighty-three years old); and Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have had these children: Ray P., Margaret A., Renna M. and Thomas L. The family are members of Trinity Lutheran Church, of Point township, and Mr. Hoffman has served many years in the church council. He is a Democrat in politics.

ALFRED J. PERSING, postmaster at Elysburg, Northumberland county, where he also has a stationery store, has passed the greater portion of his life in this section of the county. He is a member of one of the oldest families in this region, the Persings having been established here from the time of his great-great-grandfather, William Persing.

William Persing was born in Germany, and coming to this country settled in Jersey before the Revolutionary war. Washington camped at one time near the Persing home and the family was honored with his acquaintance. William Persing married in Germany and had two children when he emigrated. He and his wife died in New Jersey. Their family was as follows: William, Jr., George, Philip, Jacob, John, Tyson, Margaret, and another daughter.

Tyson Persing, one of the sons of William, was born in New Jersey and came to Northumberland county with his brothers. He followed farming in Shamokin township, died at his homestead, and is buried at the Blue church. He married Katie Baker, and their children were: Jacob; William; Miller; Rebecca, wife of William Scholl; Mary, wife of Sol Hummel; Lena, wife of Adam Dimick; Margaret, wife of John Goss; and Elizabeth, wife of David Crompt.

Jacob Persing, son of Tyson, was born in Irish Valley, this county, and spent his early life upon the farm. He learned the shoemaking trade and followed it at Danville and at Riverside, but he died in Sunbury, while living with his daughter. His wife was Elizabeth Shipe, and they had the following children: David, Eli, Iliff, Israel (of Danville, Pa.), Reiley (living in Kansas; he served in the Civil war), Susanna (married Joe Garvick) and Matilda (married John Lawrence).

David Persing, son of Jacob, was born in Irish Valley, and like his father became a shoemaker. He was one of the pioneers at Shamokin, to which place he removed when there were very few houses on the site of that now prosperous borough, and later he moved to Locust Gap, this county, where he engaged in the timber business and remained for some time. His next location was at Broad Top, where he became interested in the soft coal business with Krieger & Ammerman, but their venture did not prosper and he went to Clearfield county, Pa., where he was in the lumber business for a time. From there he went to Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Pa., where he is now living retired. Mr. Persing has been married three times. By his first marriage, to Mary Jane Krieger, he had three children, Alfred J., George and Celestial. His second marriage was to Isabelle Clark, and their children are Andrew C. and Laura (wife of Isaac Goss).

Alfred J. Persing was born Feb. 9, 1856, at Locust Gap, and received his education in the pub-

lic schools. He was reared by his uncle, Eli Persing, at Shamrock station, in Ralpho township. After following farming for a time he learned the trade of wheelwright, and in his young manhood, in 1877, made a trip out to Kansas, where he spent two years. Returning to Northumberland county he followed lumbering for five years, after which he settled at Elysburg. He followed his trade of wheelwright for about twenty years thereafter, and since 1900 has served as postmaster. In connection with the post office he conducts a stationery business. He is an esteemed citizen, and deserves the confidence his fellow men have shown in him.

Mr. Persing married Clara Crowl, daughter of Jackson Crowl, of Ralpho township, and they have two children: Howard C., a printer; and Irene N., at home. Mr. Persing is a member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 548, I. O. O. F., and also belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is a member of Reed's Reformed Church, and a Republican in his political views.

Philip Persing, one of the sons of William, the emigrant ancestor, was born in New Jersey and came to Shamokin township, Northumberland county, when a young man, settling in Irish Valley. He followed shoemaking and farming. He died at the age of 101 years, and was buried at the Blue church. To him and his wife Mary (Evland) were born these children: William, Abraham, Solomon, George, Elizabeth (married John Cherry), Catharine (who died unmarried) and Hannah (Mrs. Orlando Templin, of Shamokin, the last named now the only survivor of the family).

Daniel Persing, a son of William Persing, Jr., was born in 1828 in Irish Valley, lived at Selinsgrove, Pa., for seventeen years, and then in 1869 settled at Shamokin, where he was employed at the Cameron colliery until his death, in 1883. Previously he had followed shoemaking and farming. He is buried at Shamokin cemetery. His wife, Anna (Derr), daughter of William and Hannah (Reed) Derr, now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Smith, in Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Persing had children as follows: Alfred lived at Deiblers station; Emma married Monroe Geasey; Sylvia married William Yost; Alice married William Mitchell; Josephine died young; Jemima married Charles Thompson; Lloyd is an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Della married Charles Schlegel; Clara married James Long; Charles died young.

JOHN WESLEY GILLESPIE, of the Northumberland county bar, with offices at Ninth and Independence streets, Shamokin, Pa., is one of those able, clear-headed and straightforward attorneys who have upheld the dignity of the law and made it respected throughout the county. He was

born in Trevorton, this county, in 1850, son of Anthony Gillespie, and of sturdy Scotch-Irish ancestry.

James Gillespie, his paternal grandfather, emigrated from Scotland, bringing his family with him, and found a new home in the State of Maryland, where he died. His children were: Anthony; and Margaret and William, both of whom went to New York and there died.

Anthony Gillespie, the father of John Wesley Gillespie, was born in Scotland in 1822, and came to America with his parents when about nine years of age. However, he did not remain long in Maryland, but moved to Trevorton, Northumberland Co., Pa., afterward to Snufftown, said county, where he learned the blacksmith's trade. This he followed all of his active life. He died in Shamokin in 1883. He married Sarah Foye, daughter of Phineas Foye, of Northumberland county, and they are buried, respectively, in the Shamokin cemetery and Irish Valley burial ground.

John Wesley Gillespie, son of Anthony Gillespie and Sarah, his wife, began life at the age of seven years as a slate picker boy at the Trevorton breaker. At the age of eight years he left Trevorton and worked for his board on the farm of Alexander Sober in Irish Valley until he was fifteen years of age, meanwhile attending the old Stone school in Irish Valley. He then went to Shamokin, Pa., where he picked slate at the Cameron breaker, at that time owned by the Fagely Brothers. He then worked on the township roads of Coal township for one year, after which he went to Lewisburg and attended the Lewisburg high school for a short time. His next move was to Danville, where he secured employment in the Watterman and Beaver rolling mills, laboring there for three years. Late in the year 1869 he returned to Shamokin, where he learned cabinet-making under Uriah Sober, and in 1871 he engaged in that line for himself in Turbutville, where he conducted a furniture store until 1873. He then took up undertaking, and returning to Shamokin he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, in the year 1875 entering into partnership in that business with M. C. Farrow.

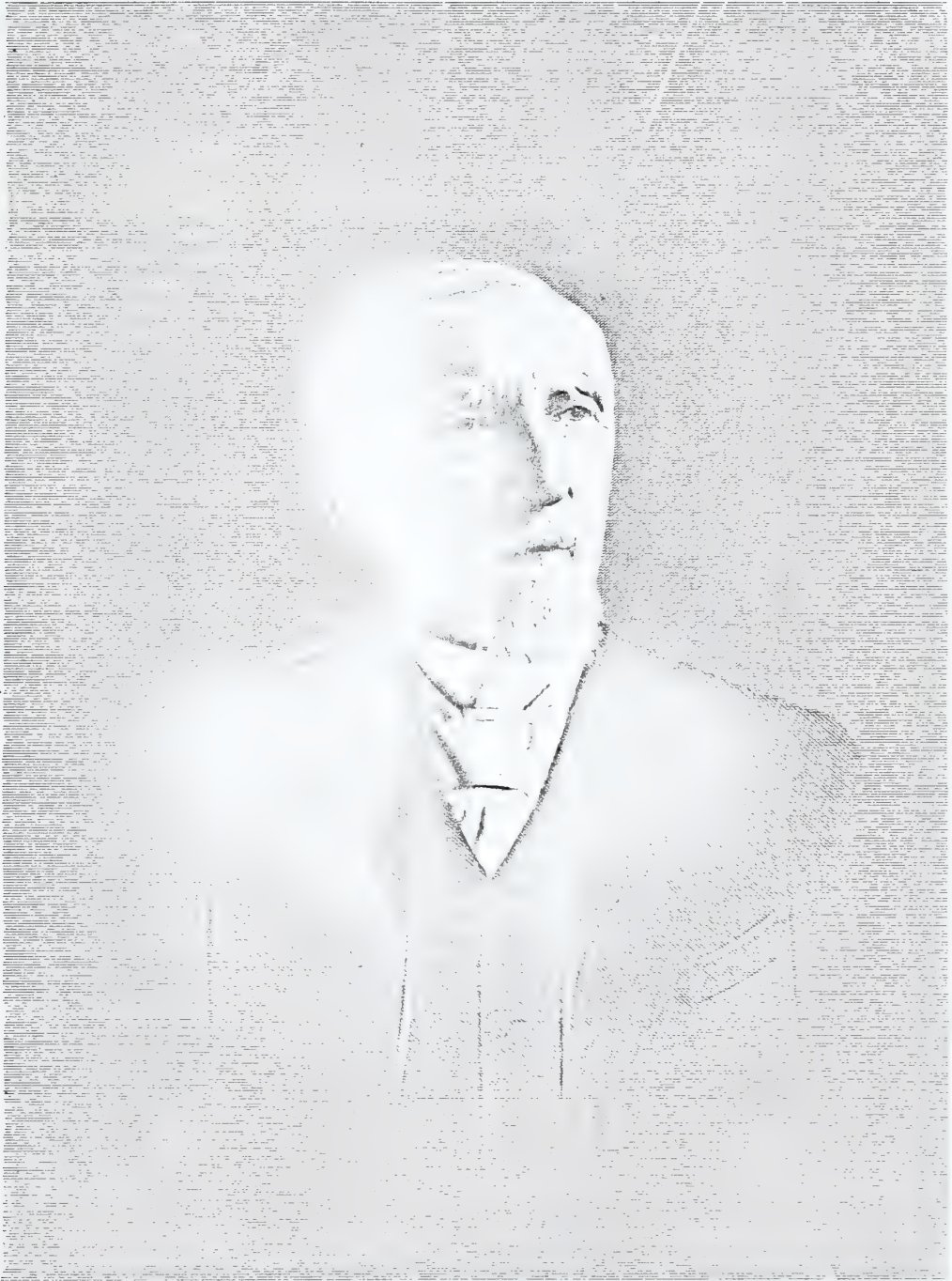
Being naturally ambitious, Mr. Gillespie devoted his leisure hours to study, in time taking up law, for which he had a decided liking. In 1883 he disposed of his interest in the furniture and undertaking business and went to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, graduating in 1885. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme and Circuit courts of Michigan, and entered the office of Sawyer & Knowlton, at Ann Arbor. Returning to Shamokin on July 12, 1886, he was admitted to the Northumberland county bar. The next year, 1887, he went to Lincoln, Nebr., where he was engaged in practice for two years, at the end of

which time he again came to Shamokin, and for years he has had one of the largest practices in Northumberland county, appearing in the most important civil and criminal cases in this section of the State. In 1889 he was elected borough solicitor of Shamokin borough, and has served in that capacity almost continuously for fifteen years, being the present solicitor. As one of the foremost lawyers in the county he has frequently been approached to permit his name to be used as a candidate for judge of the county bar, but has invariably refused to do so.

In 1871 Mr. Gillespie was united in marriage with Valeria, daughter of Silas Farrow, of Shamokin township, and they have been blessed with two children, as follows: John Malcolm, who graduated from the Shamokin high school in 1899 and the Dickinson School of Law in 1904, and is now associated in practice with his father, married Marcella Trommetter, and is residing at No. 221 East Sunbury street; Lillian J. is at home.

SAMUEL WILSON MURRAY, late of Milton, was one of the most distinguished citizens of that borough and for many years a leader in the development of the community, not only in his capacity of business man but also in the inauguration and encouragement of progressive enterprises of all kinds. As one of the founders of the Milton Car Works, the first large industrial plant established there, he showed a faith in the commercial possibilities of the place amply justified by the success of the venture, and he continued his connection with same for a period of thirty-five years. As a citizen he was always foremost in advocating and introducing measures which had for their object the good of the people generally. His foresight and wisdom were demonstrated in many ways, in the conduct of his personal affairs and in his discharge of the duties of citizenship as interpreted according to his high standards. Few men attain or deserve such honorable standing as he enjoyed.

Mr. Murray was a native of Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., born Oct. 16, 1829, and belonged to a family which has been identified with that section for over a hundred and forty years. About 1770 three brothers, James, William and John Murray, settled on lands lying along the Chillisquaque creek in Northumberland county, in the vicinity of the present village of Pottsgrove, for which they obtained patents from the Commonwealth. To this original colony were afterward added several members of a family of the name of Murray who had come from Scotland and settled on the Swatara (now in Dauphin county) in 1732. It is known that kinship was claimed between these two families, but the relationship was probably remote and cannot now be determined. There appear to have been others also of the same



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name who settled in the same locality at about the same period, but it is not known that any blood relationship existed between the latter and the two families first mentioned. The Murrays were stanch Presbyterians and active members of the Chillisquaque Church. The several families of the same name became at one time so numerous as to constitute a large proportion of the local community, but subsequently many of the members removed to different parts of the West, and comparatively few of their descendants now remain in this State.

Among the members of the Swatara family who settled on the Chillisquaque creek was John Murray, who represented this district in the State Legislature from 1807 to 1810, and served as a member of Congress from 1817 to 1820. He was born in 1768 and was married to Margaret Murray, a daughter of Col. John Murray, of Dauphin county. They had several children, one of whom was the late John Murray, formerly a merchant of Milton.

James Murray, one of the three brothers first mentioned, and known as Col. James Murray, took an active part in the war of the Revolution as colonel of a regiment of militia which had probably been raised in the upper end of the county. At the organization of the Northumberland county militia in January and February, 1776, James Murray was captain of the 7th company of the 2d battalion (Col. James Potter's) and William Murray was captain of the 5th company of the 3d battalion (Col. William Plunket's.), in which the lieutenant colonel was James Murray. Subsequently James Murray became colonel (succeeding Colonel Plunket probably, as the latter was not entirely in sympathy with the American cause after the Declaration of Independence): he was first called into active service in the winter of 1776-77, and on Nov. 4, 1777, marched with the Northumberland county militia to Philadelphia. His regiment was attached to Gen. James Potter's brigade and participated in the movements in Pennsylvania and New Jersey in 1776-78. A paper dated May 1, 1778, is on record in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth, giving the names of the captains and number of men in the rank and file of the 2d battalion of the Northumberland county militia commanded by Col. James Murray. James McMahan, one of the captains of this regiment and subsequently known as Major McMahan, was married to a sister of Colonel Murray. There are but few of Colonel Murray's descendants now living in the county.

John Murray, another of the three brothers first mentioned, had one son, Thomas, and three daughters: Jane, who married John McMahan; Ann, who married John Reznor, and Mary, unmarried. The son was known as Thomas Murray, Jr., to distinguish him from another of the same name a few years his senior.

Thomas Murray, Jr., was a member of the State House of Representatives in 1813, and in 1814 was elected to the Senate. In 1820 he was elected a member of the Seventeenth Congress and served during the years 1821 and 1822, being the immediate successor of the John Murray previously mentioned. On account of increasing ill health he declined a renomination, and died Aug. 25, 1823. He married Charity Arbour, who in her early life had some thrilling experiences with the Indians and had frequently been obliged to fly to Fort Augusta for protection. Their children were: Mary, John F., William, Hannah, Joseph Arbour, Nancy, James, Thomas and Margaret.

William Murray, son of Thomas Murray, Jr., was born Aug. 26, 1796. He married Nancy Gray Wilson, of Lewisburg, and they resided for a time at Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa. They removed from there to Lewisburg and subsequently to Lancaster, Pa., where he died June 13, 1886. They had three children: Eliza N., who married James Black, of Lancaster; Thomas, who died in early life, and Samuel Wilson.

Samuel Wilson Murray received his education at the old Lewisburg Academy under Hugh Pollock and his successor in that venerable institution, John Robinson. He was about seventeen years of age when he went to Lancaster, Pa., where his father then resided, and two years later he went to Portland, Maine, entering the Portland Locomotive Works for a term of three years for the purpose of learning the trade of machinist. After the expiration of his time at the Portland works, he spent a year and a half at Vernon, Ind., and in Rhode Island, at the end of that period returning to Lancaster, where he was employed for the three succeeding years as draftsman in the Lancaster Locomotive Works. In September, 1856, he went to Williamsport, Pa., and in connection with William Vanderbilt and Charles Bowman engaged in the machine business under the firm name of Vanderbilt, Murray & Bowman. About the middle of the following January their works were entirely destroyed by fire. They immediately purchased another establishment then owned and operated by John B. Hall, but during the following summer came the great commercial crash of 1857, and this, together with their losses by fire, crippled the firm to such an extent that they deemed it expedient to resell the works to Mr. Hall and retire from business. Mr. Murray then returned to Lancaster, and shortly afterward went to Pittsburg, where he was employed a year in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The succeeding year he spent in the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia. In the fall of 1860 he returned to Lewisburg, and became interested in the firm of Slifer, Walls, Shriner & Company, which was about to engage in the manufacture of agricultural implements. In Febru-

ary, 1864, he came to Milton, and in connection with several others founded the Milton Car Works. With that important concern he was identified continuously until the year 1899, when the business was sold to the American Car & Foundry Company.

In 1864, upon coming to Milton, Mr. Murray entered upon a partnership with William P. Dougal and others as senior member of the firm of Murray, Dougal & Co., and the erection of the car works was begun that year. During the years immediately following a number of changes were made in the personnel of the company, C. C. McCormick and John McCleery being eventually the associates of Mr. Murray and Mr. Dougal. Mr. McCleery retired in 1875, Mr. McCormick in 1878 and Mr. Dougal a few months later that year. The business was still continued under the original firm name, however, and the firm was re-organized in 1880, when Charles H. Dickerman and R. C. Carter became associated with Mr. Murray as a limited partnership under the law of 1874. Soon afterward William R. Kramer became a member of the firm, and in 1881 R. M. Longmore. The business consisted principally of the construction of all kinds of freight cars, including oil tank cars, an important branch, of which they have built a very large number. The firm was engaged also for several years in the construction of iron bridges, but the bridge department of the works, destroyed in the great fire in 1880, was not rebuilt. They also for a time had a large trade in the construction of oil tanks for storage purposes, and also steam boilers. The manufacture of freight cars, however, constituted the leading business of the firm, and there is no description of car used in the freight traffic which has not been turned out of the Milton Car Works. A large number of their cars have been exported to Cuba and the various countries of South America. The capacity of the works being ten 60-thousand-pound hopper coal cars per day, or three thousand cars per year, employment was ordinarily given to about four hundred hands, though at times the number reached nearly five hundred. Large portions of the works were destroyed by the great fire of 1880, and rebuilt on a larger scale, having been replaced by substantial stone and brick buildings, and every department was amply supplied with the most approved machinery and appliances. Connected with the plant was a saw-mill for the manufacture of the oak lumber used in the business, and sixteen acres of pool for the storage of logs, which were purchased along the Susquehanna river and its tributaries and brought from Muncy dam by the canal. The works, located between the Philadelphia & Erie railroad and the West Branch canal, with a branch from the Philadelphia & Reading railroad running to the premises, enjoyed unusual transportation facilities. Under the most efficient management,

with men at the head who were capable of meeting large industrial and financial responsibilities, this grew to be one of the largest and most successful car building plants in the State of Pennsylvania. The relation of such an industrial institution to the prosperity of the borough may be readily understood. Mr. Murray was not only foremost in business circles in his connection with this establishment, but was also active in other local enterprises, being one of the organizers and originators of the Milton Iron Company, in 1872, of the Milton Water Company, in 1883, and interested in various other concerns of great importance to the community. Toward the close of his life, because of failing health, he relinquished his activity in business to some extent, but he was nevertheless an important factor in the life of the borough to the end of his days.

While a resident of Portland, Maine, Mr. Murray cast his first vote at the municipal election at which Neal Dow was elected mayor of the city and which resulted in the enactment of the famous "Maine Law." He became at that time a convert to the theory that prohibition was the only practical remedy for the evils of intemperance and remained a life-long adherent to the cause. In early life he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which creed his parents and sister also adhered, and he was a prominent leader in church work for many years, a liberal contributor to religious and benevolent purposes. At a special meeting of the official board of the M. E. Church of Milton, held July 19, 1909, the following resolutions were passed:

"WHEREAS, it has pleased the kind Heavenly Father, in His wise Providence, to remove from the church militant to the church triumphant our beloved and highly esteemed brother and fellow worker in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, Samuel Wilson Murray, therefore be it

"*Resolved* first that we bow in sorrowful recognition of our great loss in his departure, acknowledging the supreme will of God, and pledging ourselves anew to the great tasks to which he gave the strength of his years and the devotion of his life.

"*Resolved* second that in Samuel Wilson Murray we have seen an unusual exemplification of the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ; in his unsullied personal life; his strict business integrity; his spirit of practical brotherly kindness; his broad Christian charity; his humble but unswerving loyalty to the Kingdom of Christ, and his personal love and devotion to the church of his choice.

"*Resolved* third that we recognize the distinguished and conscientious fidelity with which he discharged every responsibility imposed upon him by the church; having in his nearly fifty years of membership in this church filled and honored these various official relations with characteristic quiet dignity and sound judgment.

"Resolved fourth that we gratefully acknowledge his large-hearted generosity in the bestowal of his means in the liberal support of the church in her local and general enterprises, his large contributions to charitable, educational and benevolent causes, and the spirit of helpful kindness with which he responded to every worthy appeal.

"Resolved fifth that we extend to the family of our translated brother our profoundest sympathy in the great loss they suffer in his departure, but rejoice with them that a kind Providence permitted them to enjoy for so many years his wise and kindly counsels and his saintly fellowship.

"Resolved sixth that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and also that they be published in the city papers and be entered upon the records of the church."

Mr. Murray reached his eightieth year, dying at his home on North Front street, Milton, June 15, 1909. In poor health for several years, he had spent most of the winter and spring at Old Point Comfort, coming home a few days before his death, which was unexpected. The veneration and high esteem in which he was held were seen in the many marks of honor paid at the funeral. The banks and practically all other business places of the city were closed during the funeral hour as a special mark of respect, and the services were largely attended by citizens of all classes. Eloquent and impressive tributes to his character and standing were paid by his pastor and a former pastor of the M. E. Church, where the services were held. The remains were interred in the Upper cemetery at Milton. We quote the following from the pastor's address: "For half a century he has gone out and in among you. His life was an open book and was read by all. There was not a page in it that needed to be concealed or that might not be read by all the community. He had high and clear conceptions of right and an unusual sense of fine moral distinctions. The standards of business integrity are higher in this community because he lived here. To have lived a public business life in a community for fifty years in this age of corrupt business practices without any man being able to place the finger upon a single dishonorable or even questionable business transaction, is an imperishable monument to the transcendent moral greatness of the man's character."

The *Milton Evening Standard* had the following editorial in its issue of June 16, 1909: "In the death of Samuel Wilson Murray, which occurred at his home on North Front street, last night, Milton loses one of her most distinguished and honored citizens. He came to Milton almost a half century ago and established the first industrial enterprise of any magnitude in our town—the Milton car works. He has been all these years a conspicuous figure in the industrial, commercial, financial, social and moral development of the com-

munity. He possessed a strong personality. He had a wonderful memory, was a keen observer and a man of remarkable versatility and mental grasp. He had an inventive mind and a strong inclination to literature. He was a great reader and had traveled extensively in this and foreign lands. He was a forceful speaker, a sound reasoner and a pleasing and entertaining conversationalist. He was a man of the strictest integrity, with an unblemished character, and his life stands out and reflects the highest ideal of the upright man. Mr. Murray always had the courage of his convictions. He stood boldly and aggressively for what he believed to be right and he was unswerving in his devotion to any cause he espoused. He was a man of generous impulses and without ostentation has given away vast sums. Hundreds of families have felt his generosity who never knew from whence it came. While Mr. Murray has not been active in business for a few years, due to declining health, his loss will be keenly felt by the whole community."

On Dec. 17, 1866, Mr. Murray married Sarah Matilda Meckly, daughter of Dr. John Meckly, of Milton, who survives him. Two children were born to this union, John Heber and Helen Beatrice, the former of whom died June 18, 1895.

JOSEPH E. PENSYL, of Paxinos, Northumberland county, has been a resident of that place since 1896 and devotes the greater part of his attention to the lumber business, in which he has built up a prosperous trade. He is well known in public life, having served the community in various official capacities, and is considered a capable and reliable man, able to handle any work he undertakes.

Mr. Pensyl was born March 16, 1862, in Ralpho township, this county, son of David R. Pensyl, and is a member of one of the pioneer families of this region. Jacob Pensyl (or Bentzel), his great-grandfather, was a native of Germany, and coming to America made his home in Northumberland county, Pa., taking up fifty acres of land at the present site of the borough of Shamokin. His location was where the "Eagle Hotel" now stands. Afterward he abandoned this place and took up a 200-acre tract in Ralpho township (where his great-grandson, David R. Pensyl, later resided) to which he moved. He had one son, John.

John Pensyl, son of Jacob, was born in 1767 and was nine years old when his father settled at what is now Shamokin. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, one of the organizers and original members of the old Blue Church in Ralpho township, and donated an acre of ground for church purposes, the edifice of that congregation being located thereon to this day. He died upon the homestead in Ralpho township in April, 1849, at the age of eighty-two. John Pensyl married

Barbara Hinkle, and to them were born five children: Kate, who married Frederick Lebic; Leah, who married John Fisher; John, who was twice married; George, born Aug. 1, 1799; and Leonard.

Leonard Pensyl, son of John and Barbara (Hinkle) Pensyl, was born May 11, 1804, on the homestead in Ralpho township, and died Oct. 1, 1883 [date is also given Oct. 31, 1884]. He was a farmer by occupation. He was an active member of the German Reformed Church, which he served as deacon and elder for twenty-one years; in politics he was a Democrat. He married Elizabeth Kaseman, daughter of Frederick William Kaseman, of Ralpho township, and to this union were born three children: Sarah S., born July 3, 1828, died Jan. 3, 1908, who was the wife of Daniel H. Adams, of Ralpho township; Daniel, who died Jan. 24, 1834, aged seven months, sixteen days; and David R.

David R. Pensyl, son of Leonard, was born Sept. 25, 1835, on the old Pensyl homestead, which he inherited, following farming there throughout his active years, except for a short time when he was in the mercantile business, which he started in 1857 and carried on for two years. He had over two hundred acres of land. Mr. Pensyl died Feb. 15, 1910, and is buried at the Blue church. He was a member of that church, and socially was a Mason, holding membership in Shamokin lodge, F. & A. M., and in the Conclave. Though a Democrat in politics and interested in the success of his party, he never took any active part in its affairs or in public matters of any kind.

In 1859 Mr. Pensyl married Carolina Fry, daughter of Joseph Fry, and eleven children were born to their union: Lenora, who is the wife of Alonzo D. Smink, of Shamokin, and has children, Florence (wife of Robert Roth and the mother of children, Robert L. and Harriet L.) and Reuben L.; Joseph E.; Laura, wife of Joseph B. Hill, of Tharptown, Pa.; Leonard, a resident of Shamokin; David J., living at Weigh Scales, Northumberland county; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of George Burkert; Hannah, living at Mount Carmel, Pa.; Cora, wife of Frank Leader, a merchant of Mount Carmel; Bertha M., who died in infancy; Oscar W., member of the firm of Paul & Pensyl, butchers of Shamokin; and Carrie F., deceased, who was the wife of Rutherford Hayes.

Joseph E. Pensyl attended the Kaseman school in his native township. He was reared to farming, which he continued to follow for a number of years, owning a farm at the Blue church which he later sold to his brother-in-law, G. J. Snyder. For ten years he farmed the ground which has since been sold to the Blue Church for cemetery purposes, this being the new part of the burial ground at that church. In 1896 he moved to Paxinos, where he has since made his home. Mean-

time he has become interested in the lumber business, supplying timber for the Shipman Coal Company's and Buck Ridge collieries. Eight men and two four-horse teams are kept constantly busy at this work, Mr. Pensyl doing quite an extensive business. Since his removal to this point he has been almost continuously identified with public affairs, having served fourteen years as constable of Shamokin township and for some time as tax collector. While a resident of Ralpho township he was constable for two years and supervisor for three years. He is identified with the Democratic party, and is a member of the I. O. O. F., belonging to Elvysburg Lodge. In religion he adheres to the Reformed faith, being a member of the Blue Church.

Mr. Pensyl married Elizabeth Snyder, daughter of Isaac Snyder. They have no children.

ABRAHAM W. PONTIUS, of Sunbury, wholesale and retail dealer in ice cream and confectionery, which he also manufactures, began that business in a modest way in 1894 and has made a notable success, displaying enterprise and executive ability which would have insured him prosperity in any line. His modern, well kept establishment is a credit to the borough and his career has been active and honorable, for he has come to the front by hard work and close application to the highest principles in all his dealings.

Mr. Pontius is a native of Snyder county, Pa., born Jan. 4, 1870, son of Henry Pontius and grandson of George Pontius. John Pontius, his first ancestor in America, was born in 1718 in Alsace, and arrived here in 1738, locating in Tulpehocken, Berks Co., Pa. In 1743 he married Anna Catherine Zellers, daughter of John Zellers, and they had quite a large family, the sons being: (John) Henry, born in 1744; (John) Peter, born in 1747; John, born in 1751; Andrew Michael; George, and Frederick. Of these, Peter was a soldier in Capt. John Lesh's company from Berks county, during the Revolutionary war, and was in the battle of Long Island. All of the sons were pioneers, several being among the first settlers in Buffalo Valley, in what is now Union county, Pa., and many of the next generation were among the early settlers in Ohio and Illinois.

George Pontius, son of John, was the great-grandfather of Abraham W. Pontius. He lived in Buffalo Valley, in Snyder (now Union) county, and died at a comparatively early age. He is buried at Smith Grove church. He had sons Thomas (who is buried in Snyder county) and George.

George Pontius, son of George, was born in Jackson township, Snyder county, where he lived and owned the farm which later became the property of his son Henry. He married Susan Snyder, who died aged seventy-five years, three months.

twenty-one days, Mr. Pontius attaining the age of eighty-three. He was a member of the Reformed Church, his wife of the Lutheran Church. They had a family of six children, namely: Henry; George, of Lewisburg, Pa.; Mary, wife of Lemekus Stocker; Catharine, wife of Daniel Benfer; Susanna, who is unmarried; and Elizabeth, wife of Conrad Maurer.

Henry Pontius, son of George, was born in 1828 in Jackson township, Snyder county, and died Jan. 21, 1897. He is buried at the U. E. church at Kratzerville, Snyder county, of which church he was long an active member. He was one of its organizers and for many years a pillar of the congregation, serving as class-leader, exhorter, and in various official positions, the duties of which he discharged with zeal and efficiency. In politics he was a Republican, and he served many years as assessor of Monroe township, Snyder county. By occupation he was a farmer, owning a tract of one hundred acres. His wife, Sarah (Heiser), daughter of David Heiser, of Snyder county, died in 1904, aged sixty-nine years. They had two children: Laura, who married Elmer Greiner, and Abraham W. Mr. and Mrs. Greiner now live on the Henry Pontius homestead.

There were at least two members of the Heiser family serving in the Revolutionary war, Gotlieb Heiser having been a private in Captain Ritter's company from Berks county; and there was one John Heiser in that war from Pennsylvania.

The Federal Census Report of 1790 records the names of Henry, Charles and Ulrich Heiser, heads of families from Brunswick and Manheim townships, Berks (now Schuylkill) county.

David Heiser, a son of one of the three named as heads of families in 1790, was married to Elizabeth Rudolfe. He lived in the Buffalo Valley, in Union county, Pa., and they are buried at Bath, Pa. They had these children: Henry, John, Daniel, Christian, David, Molly (never married), Mrs. Krebs, Mrs. Showers and Mrs. Patterson.

David Heiser, son of David, was born in Mifflin county, Pa., in 1794, and died in 1857. He is buried at Kratzerville, in Snyder county. He was a stonemason by trade and also a farmer. In religion he united with the Evangelical Church, and in politics he was an old-line Whig. His wife, Magdalena (Immhoff), was born in 1800, in Lancaster county, and died in 1867. She, too, is buried at Kratzerville. They had children: John, Henry, David, Elizabeth, Daniel, Sarah (married Henry Pontius), Abraham, Susan, Mary, Benjamin and Anne.

Daniel Heiser, son of David, born in 1830, in Union (now Snyder) county, was a farmer, miller and merchant for forty years, and took part in local public affairs in his active years, serving as school director nine years and assessor. He now

resides at Lewisburg, retired. He is a member of the United Evangelical Church. Mr. Heiser married Phoebeann Missuna, who died in 1907, at the age of seventy-four years, and they had children: James H. (died young), Edwin S., Willis D., Phoebe, Elmer E., C. Regina, M. Edith and Emma Irene (died aged seventy-four years).

Abraham W. Pontius received a common school education in the home locality in Snyder county, and was reared to farming pursuits, which he followed until twenty-four years old. Coming to Sunbury at that age, in 1894, he has since devoted himself to his present line of business. He began with a retail confectionery and ice cream store at No. 231 Market square, near the courthouse, continuing at that location for eleven years. During the first three years he confined himself to the retail trade, but soon branched out as a wholesale dealer, until his customers are now drawn from a territory embracing seven counties. In 1904 he built the Pontius building, at Nos. 404-406 Market street, which he has since occupied. It is three stories high, of light brick with gray stone trimming, with a frontage of 30 feet on Market street and 104 feet in depth, extending back to the wholesale room, which fronts on No. 16 North Fourth street, and which is 18 by 40 feet in dimensions. The buildings are connected, and there are entrances on both Market street and North Fourth street. The upper part of the Pontius building is finished for use as offices, lodge rooms and dwelling rooms. Mr. Pontius has made an addition to the main building, 18 by 36 feet in dimensions, where he manufactures and stores his ice cream. He has all the most modern machinery and appliances for manufacturing ice cream and confectionery, and his retail store is most attractively arranged and fitted. The tiled floor and wainscoting, large mirrors, and other tasteful appointments, give it a wholesome, inviting appearance which appeals to the patrons. There are accommodations for serving a hundred and sixty customers at one time, if necessary, and the establishment is one of the most popular places of its kind in Sunbury. Both retail and wholesale departments are conducted in the most hygienic manner, a fact which brings the best class of trade in the vicinity. Mr. Pontius has eight employees. He ships his ice cream and candy throughout central Pennsylvania. His enterprise has drawn him into other local business interests, and he was one of the promoters of the Sunbury National Bank, of which he is a director. He was instrumental in having the present location of the bank, on Market street, chosen for the site of its building and served as a member of the building committee. This structure adjoins the Pontius building, which was so planned that it is in harmony as to exterior with the bank building, being apparently a continuation of it.

On Jan. 27, 1896, Mr. Pontius married Jennie Conrey, daughter of J. C. Conrey, of Northumberland, this county, and they have had one son, C. Henry. He and his family are members of the First U. E. Church of Sunbury, in which he is very active, at present serving as steward and treasurer. In 1910 he was a delegate to the general conference which met at Canton, Ohio. Mr. Pontius is a Republican, and served two years as councilman of the Second ward. Fraternally he belongs to True Cross Commandery, No. 122, Knights of Malta, and to two insurance orders, the Royal Arcanum and the Protected Home Circle—all of Sunbury.

DANIEL G. FEGER, a farmer in the eastern end of Washington township, was born Aug. 10, 1850, at the place where he now lives, which was also his father's home.

Conrad Feger, his grandfather, was a native of Berks county, Pa., coming thence to Northumberland county before his marriage. Here he wedded Hosanna Fisher, and they lived in Northumberland county for about twenty years, at the end of that period moving out to Ogle county, Ill. There they took up 160 acres of land for which they paid \$1.25 per acre, followed farming, and prospered, passing the remainder of their days in that county, where they are buried. Conrad Feger followed distilling as well as farming. He lived to the age of ninety-two years, his wife dying some years previously. They were Lutherans in religious faith. Their children were born in Northumberland county, and all but Joseph, the eldest, accompanied them out to Ogle county, Ill., he having married previous to the removal and his wife preferring to remain in Northumberland, her native county. The family was as follows: Joseph, John, Daniel, Samuel, Conrad, Peter, David, Harry, Isaac, Sarah, Elizabeth, Katie and Rosie. Conrad Feger had a cousin George, who conducted a pottery store in Harrisburg, and who became blind in his later years.

Joseph Feger, son of Conrad, was born Jan. 3, 1812, in Jackson township, Northumberland county, and was a carpenter in his earlier manhood, later becoming a farmer. In 1850 he settled on the farm in the eastern end of Washington township now owned by his son Daniel. There he farmed until 1869, when his son Daniel succeeded him on the place and he moved to the western part of Upper Mahanoy township, living retired in that location until his death, which occurred April 23, 1887. He was a man of intelligence and trusted by his fellow men, and as he was an excellent hand at figures he served about twenty years as township auditor, being also assessor of Washington township for about twelve years. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, he and

his family belonging to the Lutheran congregation at the Himmel Church. He was very regular in his attendance on church services, and was an active worker in the church, serving as deacon, elder and trustee. His first wife, Molly (Geist), daughter of Andrew and Catharine (Snyder) Geist, of Upper Mahanoy township, was born April 19, 1817, and died Sept. 29, 1863. They had six children: Andrew married Malissa Michael and had three children, Charles O., George W. and Joseph, the last named deceased; they lived in Dongola, Union Co., Ill. Harriet married Adam Cherry, and they lived in Upper Mahanoy township, where her father, Joseph Feger, died. Mary (deceased) married Henry Otto and lived at Shamokin, this county. Sarah married William H. Otto and they live at Pottsville, Pa. Anadelina (deceased) married Henry Schminkey and lived at Ashland, Pa. Daniel G. is mentioned below. For his second wife Mr. Feger married Mrs. Anna (Wolfgang) Gottshall Herb, her first husband having been Samuel Gottshall, her second Daniel Herb and her third Joseph Feger.

Daniel G. Feger attended subscription school during his boyhood, but not for long. He was reared to farm life, which he has followed practically all his life, for though a carpenter he engaged at the trade only one season. In 1869 he began farming on his own account at his present home, his farm consisting of ninety-six acres. In 1907 he remodeled the old part of his residence and built the new part. Mr. Feger has always been a successful farmer and has his land in good shape. His recreation is hunting, and he has shot many rabbits and raccoons, shooting usually seventy-five rabbits during the season. He was the champion raccoon and fox hunter of his district for many years, having caught and shot as many as twenty-six raccoons in one season.

Mr. Feger is a Democrat and interested in the success of his party and the administration of local affairs, having helped to hold many elections. He has served his township for six years as school director and three years in the capacity of supervisor.

On Oct. 18, 1868, Mr. Feger married Harriet Kembel, daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Feger) Kembel, of Washington township, and they have had fourteen children, nine of whom reached maturity: Charles W., now of Spokane, Wash.; Joseph H., of Frackville, Pa.; Harvey E., who carries on his father's farm; Lillie A., wife of G. A. Brosius, of Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county; Jennie M., Mrs. Daniel Weary, of Frackville, Pa.; Laura B., Mrs. William Belles, of Montandon, Pa.; Frank R., Gertie M. and Daniel C., unmarried. Mr. Feger and his family worship at the Himmel Church, belonging to the Lutheran congregation.

JOHN J. BRIERLEY, of Trevorton, Northumberland county, has been superintendent of the silk mill at that point since January, 1908, the plant being a branch of the Shamokin Silk Mills, owned by J. H. and C. K. Eagle. The business has been his life work. His aptitude for this industrial art, and his long practical experience, make him a valuable man in his capacity as superintendent. Mr. Brierley was born Jan. 2, 1867, in Paterson, N. J., where his father, John Brierley, a native of England, settled upon coming to America, in 1854. The father was employed throughout his active years by the Hinchliffe Brothers, brewers, of Paterson. He married Sarah Clark.

John J. Brierley attended the public schools of his native city. When only a boy of twelve he began to work in the silk mills, beginning at the bottom, and he has worked his way up through the various stages of employment, rising by efficient service to his present responsible position. In 1898 he came to Shamokin, Pa., entering the Shamokin Silk Mills as a foreman, and when the mills passed into the ownership of the Eagle brothers he continued as foreman in their employ. In January, 1908, he was sent to Trevorton to take charge of the branch mill there, as superintendent. About one hundred hands are employed in this plant, which is kept busy constantly, the output of these mills finding a steady demand in the market. Mr. Brierley's efficiency and devotion to his work, and his intelligent comprehension of its requirements and possibilities, have brought out his executive qualities, which have proved quite as important in the successful operation of the plant as his thorough knowledge of silk manufacturing.

On Feb. 21, 1888, Mr. Brierley married Charlotte Miller, of New Jersey, and they have three children: David M., Elsie C. and Charlotte M. The family home is at Edgewood. Mr. Brierley is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., to Lodge No. 664, I. O. O. F., and to the Triple Link Club of Shamokin. In religious connection he is a Lutheran.

JOHN KEIM, of Riverside, Northumberland county, has been a citizen of that borough throughout its existence and has been a leader in the administration of its public affairs as well as in business circles. He has been engaged in the manufacture of brick practically from boyhood, having begun the business so early in life that he is still known all over the State as the "boy brick maker." Mr. Keim was born Feb. 22, 1845, at Shoemakersville, son of David Keim, and comes of a family long known in Berks county, Pa., where its representatives are still numerous. His grandfather was Samuel Keim.

David Keim was born Sept. 8, 1808, at Shoemakersville, in Perry township, Berks county, where he lived until his removal to Danville, Montour Co., Pa., in 1847. He was a farmer by occupation, and passed the rest of his life at Danville, where he is buried. His death occurred Jan. 3, 1878. In religion he was a Lutheran, in politics a Democrat. His wife, Harriet Arnold (sister of Dr. John Arnold, a dentist of Reading), was born July 13, 1813, and died April 19, 1887. Their children were born as follows: Matilda, Jan. 18, 1831; Catharine, Nov. 23, 1832; Susan, July 28, 1834; Harriet, April 3, 1836 (died in November, 1910, in Chicago, Ill.); Anna M., Sept. 22, 1838; George W., July 22, 1840; Daniel, May 3, 1842; John, Feb. 22, 1845; Sarah, Jan. 25, 1847; William, Nov. 7, 1851.

John Keim was reared at Danville, and he was only a youth of fifteen when he enlisted from that place for service in the Civil war, holding the record as Danville's youngest representative who carried a musket in that conflict. He became a member of Company H, 93d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which he served one year, and during his second enlistment he was enrolled in Company B, 194th Regiment, as first sergeant. He served four months in this command. His third term of service was with Company I, 41st Regiment, in which he was also first sergeant, and at its expiration he enlisted in Company I, 104th Regiment, being given the same rank. He saw considerable active service in the field, taking part in many engagements, and made a highly creditable record. At the battle of Fair Oaks two men were shot by his side.

Mr. Keim burned his first kiln of brick before he was eighteen years old, and he has been in the business continuously ever since. His plants are at Danville, and the product is a red clay, hand-made brick which is shipped into all the coal mining towns, the demands being steady, and the trade having expanded to such dimensions that as many as fifty-five men are given steady employment. In 1909 the yearly output was 2,400,000. Mr. Keim has built up his large business by constant attention to its needs and by keeping thoroughly abreast of the times in his line, and he is considered a deservedly prosperous man by all who have had dealings with him. His association with Riverside as a municipality dates from the time of its organization. He came to the town when there were only twelve houses on the site, and he was one of the leading spirits in its incorporation as a borough, which took place in 1871. As school director and member of the council for many years, he has taken an active part in its affairs and has done public-spirited duty. Politically he is a member of the Republican party, and socially he is connected with Danville Post, No. 22, G. A. R., and with Danville Lodge, No.

224, F. & A. M., of which latter he was chaplain for some years.

In 1862 Mr. Keim married Christiana Bowers, who died in 1897, at the age of fifty-one years, the mother of the following children: William is engaged as a brick manufacturer in Oklahoma; Catharine, who teaches music in Danville and Riverside, is unmarried; Alice married Rev. M. B. Bird, a Congregational minister, and they live in Chicago, Ill.; Emerson J. is engaged as a manufacturer of brick and foreman of a cement plant at Independence, Kans.; Mamie is at home. In 1898 Mr. Keim married Ida M. Morgan, daughter of Charles Grier Morgan, of Danville. Mr. Keim and his family are members of the Methodist Church, in which he has held the offices of trustee and steward, serving in the latter for many years.

Joseph Morgan, grandfather of Mrs. Ida M. (Morgan) Keim, was born Aug. 29, 1784, and was of Welsh extraction, his father, Charles Morgan, having come from Wales with his wife and a large family, nine sons and one daughter. He settled in the Irish Valley, in Northumberland county, Pa., where he owned a farm and followed agricultural pursuits. His children were Charles, David, Peter and Joseph. Joseph Morgan followed farming in the Irish Valley also, dying there in 1846, in his sixty-third year. He is buried at Klinesgrove. His wife, Charity (Campbell), born Nov. 19, 1790, preceded him to the grave. Their children were born as follows: Emily, Sept. 9, 1812; Huldah, Feb. 16, 1815; John C., July 20, 1818 (was sheriff of Northumberland county); Maria, Dec. 7, 1819; Charity, June 20, 1824; Charles Grier, Sept. 3, 1826.

Charles Grier Morgan lived at Danville, Pa., where he died Oct. 12, 1866. He married Sarah Ann Maurer, daughter of John Maurer, and she also died at Danville, March 17, 1910. They had a family of four children: Elliott R., who married Margaret Bassett, daughter of George Bassett, of Danville, Pa.; Sarah E.; Ida M., Mrs. Keim; and Seth W., who married Kate Johnson, daughter of Stephen Johnson, of Danville.

ELMER W. DOCKEY, one of the leading citizens of Pillow (formerly known as Uniontown), former auditor of Dauphin county, and now extensively engaged in the insurance business, was born at Pillow March 22, 1866, son of Benjamin Dockey.

The Dockey family of Northumberland and the surrounding counties of Pennsylvania has its origin in John Adam Dockey, who came to America during the Revolutionary war as one of the Hessian soldiers hired by King George. After the close of that war for independence he remained in America. With a number of his fellow countrymen he first lived in Berks county, thence coming to Northumberland county prior to the begin-

ning of the nineteenth century and locating in what is now Lower Mahanoy township. Here he married, prospered, lived and died. He and his wife are buried in the old part of the graveyard at Zion's Church of Stone Valley. He was tall, erect, of typical military appearance and good address, and possessed more than ordinary intelligence. He was a man of resolute will and strong convictions. He had three children, namely: John, mentioned later; Elizabeth, who died unmarried; and Catharine, who married Simon Lenker, of Lower Mahanoy.

John Dockey, son of John Adam, was born July 17, 1787, in the lower end of the Mahantango Valley. He died on his large farm in Lower Mahanoy township July 28, 1858. He was a lifelong farmer, and owned considerable real estate. His wife, Anna Maria Schaffer, who was of an old established Lower Mahanoy township family, was born Aug. 1, 1795, and died Feb. 25, 1862. John Dockey and his wife prospered by their industry, and reared a large family of children to usefulness and thrift. They were members of the Lutheran congregation of Zion's Church, in Stone Valley, and are buried at that church. They had thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, viz.: Michael, born March 2, 1813, who died Nov. 12, 1889 (he had two sons and three daughters); John, born March 24, 1815, who died Sept. 24, 1887 (wife Elizabeth, born Nov. 27, 1815, died Feb. 2, 1891; they had one daughter); Mary: Jonas, born Dec. 31, 1819, who died July 7, 1904 (his wife Catharine Hepner, born June 15, 1869, died Oct. 29, 1891; they had one son and one daughter); Elizabeth: Joseph, who had two sons and four daughters; Sarah: Catharine Magdalena, who married David Underkoffler and had fifteen children; Benjamin; Annie, who never married; Elias, born June 21, 1833, who died Dec. 7, 1888 (his wife Eliza, born in 1834, died in 1893; they had two sons and five daughters); and Nathan, born Dec. 11, 1830, who died Oct. 3, 1835. Nearly all this family are buried at the Stone Valley Church.

Benjamin Dockey, son of John, was a tailor, and followed the trade in his earlier life. About 1850 he engaged in the store business at County Line, and later huckstered produce and followed farming. In 1866 he came to Uniontown (Pillow), where he has since lived, following various occupations. He was a drover some years and for some years was connected with a hotel at Pottsville. Since 1896 he has made his home with his son Elmer W. Dockey. He has taken some part in public affairs, having held various local offices, among them that of constable, which he filled for some years. He is the oldest resident of his section, but though advanced in years is well preserved. His wife, Mary Witmer, daughter of John and Mary (Lenker) Witmer, born Feb. 8, 1833,

government for service in the Revolutionary war, and was one of those surprised and taken prisoner on that memorable night at Trenton. After the war he refused to return to his native land, settling in Pennsylvania, near Amityville, in Amity township, Berks county. He was well educated and engaged in school teaching, and for years was choirmaster of the German Lutheran Church there. He died in 1839, at the advanced age of eighty-three. He married Catharine Beitam, of Carlisle, Pa., and they had the following children: Elizabeth, Catharine, Sarah, George and Henry.

Daniel Auman, great-grandfather of George O. Auman, was born in Berks county, and there followed farming and milling, near the Lebanon county line. He died there, while his children were young, and they were put out to make their living among strangers.

Jacob Auman, son of Daniel, was born near the Lebanon county line in Berks county in February, 1817, and there followed milling. He was married in Berks county, whence he and his wife moved to Taylorsville, Schuylkill county, where he continued that occupation, and later he settled at Ashland, that county, making a permanent home there. At Ashland he went into the butcher business, but in his later years did hauling. He died there in 1878, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery, having been a member of the fraternity. Jacob Auman married Mary A. Owens, who was born in 1817, daughter of Samuel Owens, and they had a large family, viz.: Emaline, born in 1843, married S. T. Gottschall; William H., born in 1845, died at Ashland; Aaron, born in 1846, was the father of George O. Auman; Mary A., born in 1848, married E. P. Burkert, of Ashland; Jacob, born in 1850, a carpenter of Shamokin, married (first) Elizabeth Keefer and (second) Malinda Herb; Elizabeth, born in 1853, married George Steinhilber and lives at No. 556 Oakland street, Ashland; Esther, born in 1856, married (first) a Mr. Heiser and (second) Isaac Davis; Samuel D., born in 1858, was killed in the mines at Ashland when nineteen years old; John died at Ashland when a young man.

Aaron Auman, son of Jacob, was born in 1846, and died in May, 1882. He was a butcher by trade, and followed that calling as well as mining. He and his wife, Sarah (Hoover), had a family of five children, namely: Samuel J., Aaron E., George O., Laura (married Lewis Hippler) and Elizabeth (married William Dorset), all of whom were very young when the father died. The mother subsequently married James Metz, by whom she had one daughter, Bessie (married Andrew Sudeskie).

George O. Auman attended public school in Shamokin, but his advantages for education were limited, as he and his brothers were obliged to begin work at an unusually early age in order to help

their widowed mother. He was only eleven when he commenced to work as a slate picker at the breakers, and in time he became a full-fledged miner, following mining until he decided to start in business. He had been careful and industrious, but when he commenced the grocery business to which he has since given his attention he started on the modest capital of \$15, in a small store in the Tenth ward. This was in 1900. His early experience in overcoming obstacles prevented him from becoming discouraged, however, and the success which came to him as the years passed was an incentive to further effort, if he needed it. That he has devoted himself intelligently to the building up of this business may be judged from the fact that he and his brother, Aaron E., who became his partner in 1900, now have one of the best paying grocery stores in West Shamokin. The establishment, which occupies the site at Nos. 601-609 West Walnut street, is commodious, but none too large for the extensive business done by Auman brothers, who carry a fine and complete stock, in addition to groceries and green truck, of cigars and confectionery, being among the largest retailers of tobacco and penny goods in Shamokin. The partners are popular personally, and respected for their integrity as well as their enterprise, and though both are still young they have established a profitable business and acquired property and standing in their native town.

Mr. George O. Auman has developed business ability and foresight with the needs of his expanding interests; in fact, he has succeeded so far in keeping ahead of them, and his outlook for the future is excellent. He has taken his place among the leading young men of the borough in municipal matters, with which he has been identified ever since he reached his majority. When just twenty-one he became a delegate to the Republican county convention; was later committeeman of his ward, the Tenth, and he was a delegate to the State convention when Sheetz was nominated for treasurer. In 1903 he was elected to the borough council, of which body he has since been a member. In discharging the duties of this office he has shown the same ability and application which made his private undertakings successful. Though the youngest man to serve in that position when he entered the council he was found to be one of the most energetic and efficient members of that body, where his fellow members soon found that he could be intrusted with important responsibilities. So he has grown steadily in usefulness and popularity, and in March, 1910, he was honored with election to the presidency of the council. The year before he and Mr. Earley were candidates for the honor, Mr. Earley winning by two votes. The following comment by the *Shamokin Dispatch* upon this incident and Mr. Auman's subsequent election is of interest as

showing the good-will existing in the borough regarding this young man and his achievements:

"George Auman, the new president of council, is admirably fitted for the important position to which he was elected and the fact that he had no opposition speaks still higher for him. For five years Mr. Auman has conscientiously served his constituents and has never been under bondage or under the control of any man. He is totally free from outside influences and it is believed that he will make a most capable official, as has Mr. Earley, his predecessor, who has accredited to him the honor of presiding over one of the best councilmanic bodies that have ever represented Shamokin borough

"Last year Mr. Auman and Mr. Earley both sought the office of president of the council. Mr. Auman was defeated by two votes. This did not interfere with his good work. Shoulder to shoulder he and his successful opponent, Mr. Earley, worked out plans for bettering the borough and it is said that there has never been a better body of councilmen representing this borough.

"Mr. Auman is honest in his dealings and is noted for this characteristic and will make an ideal official. He expects to make the coming term one of the most successful Shamokin borough has ever had. Taking the retrospective of last year, if he does this, speaking in the sporting vernacular, he will 'have to go some.' However, the *Dispatch* believes Mr. Auman's ambitions will be realized."

Mr. Auman was the candidate of his party for representative to the State Legislature in 1908, but was defeated. He is well known socially, belonging to the I. O. R. M. (of which he is a past sachein), the Haymakers (of which he is a past chief) and the I. O. O. F.; is president of the Modern Protective Association, and president of the Rescue Fire Company, of which latter organization he was made an honorary member, and served as foreman before being elected to his present office. He was one of the organizers of the Liars' Club, which is made up of young business men of his section of Shamokin.

Mr. Auman married Maude May Yost, daughter of Henry and Susan (Rubendale) Yost and member of an old Shamokin family. Mr. and Mrs. Auman have two children, George E. and Russel C. The family reside at No. 548 North Third street. They are identified with the Reformed Church.

ducting a large business as a dealer in wall paper and paints, and as a paper hanger and painter. The brothers are among the most enterprising citizens of Sunbury, favorably known as reliable in every transaction.

The Hoffman family is of German origin. Jacob Hoffman, its founder in this country, was a native of Germany, and on immigrating to this country settled in New Jersey, where he followed farming. He was a soldier in the Revolution.

Abraham Hoffman, son of Jacob, settled in Shamokin township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and followed farming successfully. His children were: John; Peter; Michael; Abraham; Barbara, and Maria.

Abraham Hoffman, son of Abraham, was born on his father's farm in Northumberland county, where he spent his boyhood assisting with the agricultural work. After attaining his majority he was in the mercantile business for a number of years, and selling out purchased a farm in Rush township, this county. There he passed the rest of his life, dying at the age of eighty-seven years, four months, twenty-seven days. He was a hearty, strong and active man up to the time of his death, which was caused suddenly, by a stroke of apoplexy. He married Elizabeth Wolverton, daughter of Roger Wolverton, of Northampton county, Pa., and she died at the age of fifty-nine years. Eight children were born to this couple: Maria, John, Beulah, Jacob, Jemima, Erastus, Isaac and Edward G.

Erastus Hoffman, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Wolverton) Hoffman, was born in Rush township, and there spent his youth on the parental farm near South Danville. He lived at Sunbury for about thirty years before his death, engaging in various occupations, being employed at one time in the office of the register and recorder. He then became associated in the real estate business with his son, W. P. G. Hoffman, as E. Hoffman & Son, retiring only a few years before his death, which occurred at his home, No. 222 Catawissa avenue, Aug. 22, 1910, when he was eighty-one years old. He was interred in Pomfret Manor cemetery. He was long a prominent citizen of the borough, and especially well known as an active member of the Baptist Church, to which he had belonged practically all his life. For many years he was regarded as one of the pillars of the church in Sunbury and aided materially in placing its affairs on the substantial basis at present enjoyed, doing as much as any one member of the congregation toward that end. He was long a trustee of the church, where his death was regarded as a great loss. Mr. Hoffman married Clarinda Dunham, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hussy) Dunham, of Northumberland borough, and he was survived by his wife and two sons, W. P. G. and Howard D.

HOFFMAN. The Hoffmans, the late Erastus Hoffman and his two sons, W. P. G. and Howard D. Hoffman, have been known in business circles in the borough of Sunbury for a number of years, W. P. G. Hoffman having been associated with his father in the real estate business, in which he is still interested, and Howard D. Hoffman con-



W. P. G. HOFFMAN was born in November, 1862, in Rush township, and was educated at Danville, Pa. For several years he was engaged in the hardware business at Danville, Montour county, and in the borough of Northumberland, Northumberland county, and continued that business for eleven years after he settled in Sunbury, in 1891. He has since been engaged in the real estate business, in which he was associated with his father until the latter's retirement, in 1900. The business they founded now controls the bulk of real estate transactions in Sunbury. He and his father became members of the National Real Estate Exchange, and their property list embraced the greater part of the best holdings in the city and surrounding territory. The business increased so rapidly that it required their entire attention. There are few men in this section who know more about Sunbury real estate, its values and advantages, than Mr. Hoffman, or who are better able to discourse on the subject. The advances made in local real estate values, the substantial reasons therefor, the future of the community, the opportunities offered by superior facilities of various kinds found in the territory, all these are subjects with which he is thoroughly familiar, and he is sincere in his belief that the advantages here afforded are superior to those of any other locality in this part of the State. His particular hobby is that satisfactory and profitable investments may be found near home; that there is no need for people to go to distant regions to find paying property, and that there are opportunities at the doors of those who recognize them. Moreover, Mr. Hoffman has interested himself actively in securing the advantages and facilities he considers most desirable for the improvement of the locality, particularly as regards transportation and the promotion of public utilities of various kinds.

HOWARD D. HOFFMAN, son of Erastus Hoffman, was born Aug. 23, 1867, in Rush township, Northumberland county, where he lived until sixteen years old. At that time he moved with his parents to Sunbury, and he learned the trade of painter and paper hanger. During 1886 and 1887 he lived in Shamokin. In 1889 he went West, where he remained for a number of years, returning East in 1898. For the next two years he was in the butcher business, but he has since been engaged in his old line, having now the leading establishment of the kind in the borough. He is located at No. 620 Market street. He has a large and complete line of paints and wall papers, and does a large business in painting and paper hanging, keeping from twelve to twenty men busy. His patronage is one of the largest in and around Sunbury, and his work is its best recommendation, his reputation as a reliable and artistic workman having been gained in years of satisfactory service.

On April 7, 1898, Mr. Hoffman married Margar-

et M. Campbell, daughter of Harmon and Rachel (Barnhart) Campbell, and they have two children, Elizabeth May and Fred Erastus. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, Mrs. Hoffman of the Catawissa Avenue M. E. Church, and he is a Democrat politically and active in local affairs, having served as member of the council from the Eighth ward. Socially he belongs to several fraternal bodies, K. of P. Lodge No. 194, the Royal Arcanum and the P. O. S. of A., all of Sunbury, and the K. of P. lodge at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania.

DANIEL CLINGER, president of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of Milton, Northumberland county, has been associated with that institution for many years, formerly as director and member of the executive board, and since 1907 in his present relation. A mere enumeration of the local enterprises which he has helped to finance and direct would be sufficient indication of his activity in the affairs of the borough to show how important a place he occupies and has occupied in the development of the place during the past forty years. His interest and efforts have not been confined to business, but have extended into the local civil administration, politics, church and social affairs, in all of which he has been a factor for progress and intelligent activity.

Mr. Clinger was born Nov. 18, 1837, in Limestone township, Lycoming Co., Pa. He is of German descent, his great-grandfather, John Clinger, having emigrated to this country from Germany about 1745 and settled at what was then known as Chester County Springs, now Chester Springs, in Chester county, Pa. He took up land in that vicinity and followed farming and milling there the rest of his days. His wife's maiden name was Sloyer, and it is supposed she belonged to the family of that name who came from Germany to America at the same time as John Clinger. Both are buried in Chester county.

John Clinger, son of the emigrant, was born at Chester Springs, and died in Chester county, where he is buried, at Homeville. He was a miller as well as farmer. He and his wife reared a large family, as follows: Jacob, who died at Homeville, Pa.; Henry; Samuel, who died at Camden, N. J.; Dr. Peter, who died at Conestoga Center, Lancaster county, Pa.; Edgar, who died in Chester county; Margaret, Mrs. Rhoads; Ann, who married Thomas Pennington; and Hannah, Mrs. Booth.

Henry Clinger, son of John and grandson of the emigrant, was the father of Daniel Clinger, of Milton. He was born Sept. 29, 1796, in Chester county, Pa., near Homeville, and lived to the age of fifty-six years, five months, four days, being accidentally killed March 3, 1853. He is buried at Collomsville, in Limestone township, Ly-

coming county. When a young man he learned tanning in Berks county with his uncle, Peter Clinger. On May 18, 1823, he was married in the city of Reading, and he ran the tanning business for his uncle. In 1828 he moved to Limestone township, Lycoming county, where he bought four hundred acres of land on which he also built a tannery; cleared up a large farm; bought a mill site and erected a grist and saw mill, along one of the streams in the township, and became one of the best known business men and counselors in all that section, his various interests bringing him into contact, in one relation or other, with almost all of the residents of the neighborhood. He continued to do business for many years, and served also as county commissioner, many years as justice of the peace, and as land surveyor and conveyancer. He was one of the leading Democrats of the county. In his early years he served as colonel of the battalion, a military organization established by the United States government, all the men of a certain age being obliged to do military service one day in a year. He was long an active member of the Reformed Church, in which he was an elder for many years. Fraternally he was a Mason.

On May 18, 1823, Mr. Clinger was married, at Reading, Pa., to Susanna Wagner, who was born in December, 1803, in Berks county, daughter of Abraham and Catharine (Greenwalt) Wagner, and died in October, 1869, aged sixty-five years, ten months, three days. Her grandfather, John Wagner, was a cavalryman in the Revolutionary war, and received a bad scalp wound but recovered and ended his days on his farm near Reading. Nine children were born to this union, namely: Mary, who married Michael Sypher, of Limestone township, Lycoming county, and who is now living near Antes Fort, Pa., with her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Bubb; Catharine, who married Adam Baker, formerly of Winchester, Va., and now resides at Newberry, Pa.; Susan A., who married John Knauff and resides at Milton, Pa.; John W., who died at Winchester, Va.; Abraham, who died at Williamsport, Pa.; Henry S., who died in Limestone township, Lycoming county; Jacob, who died in Limestone township; Daniel; and Edgar, who died aged five years.

Daniel Clinger received his education in the district schools in the neighborhood of his boyhood home. He lived there until 1866, working for his father until the latter's death, after which he was engaged for a few years with the duties of township offices. He then bought a farm in his native township, but after cultivating it a few years sold it and went to Williamsport, in the spring of 1866, there entering the grocery business with his brother Abraham. After fourteen months' association with him he sold out and came to Milton, in June, 1867. This borough has since been the field of his

business and home interests. He engaged at once in the planing mill and lumber business as a member of the firm of Balliet, Dreisbach & Clinger, conducting the mill established in 1854 by Balliet, Billmyer & Goodlander, who established the first plant of the kind in this section of the State. The mills are on Arch street, above Locust. Mr. Clinger soon bought out his partners, becoming sole owner of this, one of the largest business establishments in this district, and he retained his connection with the lumber business until 1906. His sons have since carried it on. This was one of the few industrial plants of Milton not destroyed in the great fire of May 14, 1880.

Though his active participation in the management of what was for years his principal business has ended Mr. Clinger has not by any means given up his other interests. In 1907 he was elected president of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of which he has served many years as director as well as member of the executive board, and this position he continues to fill with all the ability and judgment expected of him. He is a stockholder in numerous other local companies whose prosperity means the prosperity of the community, having been identified as such with the Milton Knitting Company, the Milton Water Company, the Milton Driving Park and Fair Association (of which he has been president), the Milton Creamery Association (of which he has been a director), the Milton Record Publishing Company (of which he has been a director), the variety of his interests showing how far reaching his relations with the life of the borough are.

In public capacities Mr. Clinger has proved himself particularly helpful in promoting the cause of education, having served as school director and treasurer of the school and building fund. In this connection it might also be stated that he is a director of Ursinus College. For years he has been an ardent Democrat and a worker in the interest of the party, having served as delegate to various State conventions and as delegate to the National convention at Chicago, in 1896, when W. J. Bryan was first nominated for the Presidency. He is a member of the Reformed Church, which he has served as elder for many years, and has been interested in the Y. M. C. A., of which he was formerly a director. Fraternally Mr. Clinger unites with the Masons, holding membership in Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., and Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree, and all his sons are members of that fraternity.

In 1860 Mr. Clinger married Sarah Amanda Gann, who was born Sept. 19, 1839, daughter of Israel and Leah (Moore) Gann, of Lycoming county, and died Jan. 1, 1904, the mother of eight children, as follows: (1) Homer Gann, born July 16, 1861, died March 13, 1865. (2) Dora M., born March 11, 1866, died

June 6, 1871. (3) Harry R., born Jan. 6, 1868, is the head of the firm of D. Clinger's Sons, who conduct the Milton Planing Mill and lumber business. He has been twice married, his first wife, Crissie Fretz, of Philadelphia, born March 7, 1869, dying May 4, 1897. There were no children by that union. By his present wife, Florence Heinen, he has three children, Henry, Sarah and Virginia. (4) Edgar M., born May 16, 1872, a graduate of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, lost his life in a bicycle accident Aug. 21, 1898. (5) Franklin W., born Dec. 18, 1874, graduated from the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1899, and is practicing at Milton. He married Irene Fenton, of Baltimore, Md. (6) George W., born March 9, 1877, and educated at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., is now engaged with his brothers in the lumber and planing mill business. He married Marian Boyer, of Williamsport, Pa., and they have two children, George and Edgar B. (7) Joseph A., born Feb. 4, 1879, a graduate of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, and now practicing medicine in Milton, married Sarah Buoy, eldest daughter of James Buoy. (8) Daniel, Jr., born March 25, 1882, a graduate of Cornell University, married Elsie Shay, of Williamsport. He is engaged with his brothers in the planing mill and lumber business under the firm name of D. Clinger's Sons.

WILLIAM H. PENSYL, of Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, present chief burgess of that borough and one of the long established business men of the place, has been one of its useful citizens throughout the quarter of a century of his residence there. He is a member of one of the oldest families of the county, being of the fifth generation of his line to live here.

The family name was originally Bentzel. Jacob Bentzel, the great-great-grandfather of William H. Pensyl, came to this country from Germany, his native land, and locating in Northumberland county, where Shamokin now stands, took up fifty acres of land, his residence being on the present site of the "Eagle Hotel." Abandoning this tract later, he took up two hundred acres in what is now Ralpho township, which property was later owned by David R. Pensyl, and is now the farm of William A. Geise. Jacob Bentzel died upon his farm in Ralpho township. His son, John, was the great-grandfather of William H. Pensyl.

John Bentzel, son of Jacob, was nine years old when his father settled at what is now Shamokin. He was one of the early settlers in Shamokin township and one of the organizers and original members of the old Blue Church (St. Peter's) in Ralpho township, donating one acre of ground for church purposes, upon which the edifice stands today. He was a good man, and a leader in his community. He died upon his homestead in Ralpho

township in April, 1849. He married Barbara Hinkle, who came to America from Germany, and they had five children: Katie (married Frederick Lebie), Leah (married John Fisher), John, George and Leonard.

John Pensyl, son of John, was born near Shamokin, Pa., in Shamokin township. When a young man he went to Sunbury, where he learned the shoemaking trade, following that calling for some time. Later he purchased a farm of two hundred acres at Union Corners, in Rush township, and there made his home for a number of years, later purchasing another farm, upon which he made his home until his death, in 1873, at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. Pensyl was twice married, his first marriage being to Lydia Kaseman, by whom he had six children: George; John; Daniel, living at Danville, Pa.; Hannah, who married Charles Dimick and (second) John Hiney, and died near Philadelphia; Barbara, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Hill; and Catharine, who married Joseph Motter. Mr. Pensyl's second wife, whose maiden name was Mary Arter Heller, died at the age of eighty-seven years. She was the daughter of John and Mary Heller, of Elysburg, Pa. By this union there were seven children: Jacob, who died in 1861, aged twenty-six years; William, who lives at Elysburg, Pa.; Samuel, who died in 1897; Margaret, who died aged twenty years; Adam, of Elysburg; Henry, who died aged twenty years; and Francis, who was a merchant, postmaster and farmer at Pensyl, Columbia county.

George Pensyl, father of William H., was born May 14, 1818, in Rush township, Northumberland county, and there grew to manhood. He learned the trades of butcher and carpenter, but later, when he lived at Danville, Pa., he was a boss heater at the iron mill. In 1856 he removed to Shamokin township, where he bought the farm upon which he remained until 1875. He died July 7, 1880. Mr. Pensyl was a Union soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted Oct. 22, 1862, in Company H, 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until honorably discharged, July 31, 1863.

George Pensyl married (first) Anna Vastine, of Rush township, who died in 1850, the mother of four children, namely: Billings died young; Thomas V. served in the Civil war, and died in 1870 (he married Malinda Reed); Helen M. married John I. Miller and had children, William, Emma and Olive; Ellis is chief engineer at the Philadelphia *Inquirer* plant. Mr. Pensyl's second marriage was to Mary A. Vastine (a cousin of his first wife), of Rush township, who died Oct. 27, 1871, and who had three children: Hatton A., justice of the peace, of Snyderstown, Pa.; Clara H., wife of G. A. Startzel; and William H. For his third wife he married Harriet Ammerman.

William H. Pensyl was born March 1, 1862, at

Elysburg, Northumberland county, where he received his education in the public schools. During his early life he assisted his father upon the farm. In 1881 he first came to Mount Carmel, where he learned the trade of painter, at which he was employed, in different places, for several years, in 1886 becoming a permanent resident of the borough. He established himself in business, selling paints, wall paper and stationery, and doing painting and paper hanging, continuing thus for many years; he is now devoting himself entirely to papering and painting. Mr. Pensyl has made a substantial position for himself, and he is a director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company and President of the Anthracite Building & Loan Association of Mount Carmel.

On Jan. 2, 1890, Mr. Pensyl married Mary A. Morey, daughter of Julius Morey, of Jefferson county, Pa., but later of Mount Carmel. They have one daughter, Hazel, who is a graduate of the Mount Carmel high school.

Mr. Pensyl has shown considerable interest and useful activity in the affairs of the borough, and from 1900 to 1903 he was a member of the council, of which body he was president one year. On March 1, 1909, he was honored with election to the office of chief burgess. The confidence his fellow citizens have shown in him is the reward of his disinterested efforts for the improvement of the borough, especially his work regarding the streets. He had made an admirable official. Mr. Pensyl is a Republican in political sentiment. Socially he holds membership in the Sons of Veterans, P. O. S. of A. and I. O. O. F.

SHIPMAN. The Shipman family, which is numerous and creditably represented in Northumberland county, has been resident there for considerably more than a century, and has had representatives in this country from the earliest Colonial days. In the Old World it is of ancient record. The ancestor of these Shipmans was of Norman descent and was knighted by Henry III. of England in 1253 and given the following coat of arms: Gules, on a bend argent betwixt six estoiles, or, three pellets. Crest: A Leopard, sejant, spotted sa., resting his dexter paw on a ship's rudder. Motto: "Non sibi sed orbi." The family seat was at Sarrington, in Nottinghamshire. In 1635 Edward Shipman, a refugee from religious persecution, came to America in company with Hugh Peters, John Davenport, Theodore Fenwick and others, and settled at Saybrook, Conn. From him one American branch of the family is descended.

The following is taken from a family history in the possession of Judge Shipman, of Belvidere, N. J.: "William Shipman's father was one of the first settlers of Morristown, N. J., assisting in the erection of the first house built there. He and three of his brothers served with credit during the Revolu-

tionary war, and another relative died aboard the old 'Jersey' prison ship in Wallabout Bay. Jacob Shipman, brother of William, was one of the first settlers near Fisher's Ferry, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he bought a large tract of land and where he lived to a good old age. David Shipman (son of Jacob), born Feb. 26, 1809, bought the homestead near Fisher's Ferry and divided it with his brother Sylvanus, making two good-sized farms. John L. Shipman, son of David, who served with credit in the late Rebellion, is living in his native State and county."

Harmon Shipman, the progenitor of the Northumberland county Shipmans, was born in Germany in 1717 and emigrated to this country about 1740. He settled in what is now Harmony township, Warren Co., N. J., at a place known as Uniontown, where he purchased 200 acres of land which he cleared, continuing to reside there until his death, March 8, 1805. He was the early settler at Morristown, N. J., referred to in the foregoing paragraph. He is buried at the Straw Church (St. James). Prior to the Revolutionary war he erected a stone house 28 by 30 feet. He was twice married, his first wife coming to America with him. She was the mother of five children: William, born June 9, 1756; Nicholas, born in 1758, who died in 1827; John; Christian; and a daughter that died young. By his second wife, whose maiden name was Howe, he had six children: Jacob, born May 8, 1766, who died Feb. 24, 1848 (his wife Rachel, born in 1770, died in 1828); Harmon, born April 28, 1775, who died March 24, 1854 (his wife Susanna, born May 21, 1787, died June 10, 1861, and their daughter Rebecca, born in 1827, died in 1847); David; Abram, born April 8, 1773, who was married Feb. 1, 1800, to Mary Eckman; Elizabeth; and Mary.

During the Revolutionary war Harmon Shipman aided the Revolutionists in many ways, contributing of his own time and means and sending four of his sons, William, Nicholas, John and Christian, into the service. At the close of the war this patriotic family was so impoverished that the older sons, with their families, moved to newer settlements, William and Nicholas coming to Pennsylvania and settling in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, in the spring of 1794. In 1802 the brothers Christian and Jacob settled in the same vicinity.

Jacob Shipman on coming from New Jersey settled on the farm in Lower Augusta township where Morris Snyder now lives, followed farming, and there died. He owned considerable land, his possessions including the farms now owned by Morris Snyder, Silas Snyder and Nicholas Renn. He was a Presbyterian in religious belief and is buried at the Presbyterian Church along the mountain, as is one of his two wives. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Minnier, he had sons Jacob and Abra-

ham. His second wife, whose maiden name was Bird, was the mother of six children: David: John: James: Sylvanus: Betzy, who married Samuel Wynn; and Polly, who married Isaac Updegrove and (second) John Ebright. Of these, Sylvanus Shipman died Dec. 9, 1887, aged seventy-three years, one month, eight days; his wife Harriet A. died Aug. 12, 1846, aged twenty-seven years, six months; his wife Rebecca died Oct. 30, 1902, aged seventy-five years, eight months, five days.

David Shipman, son of Jacob and grandson of Harmon, born Feb. 26, 1809, died March 17, 1897. From the time of his marriage until his death he lived at the place in Lower Augusta township where his daughter Lydia, widow of Silas R. Snyder, now lives. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife Eliza (Hintershot), daughter of John Hintershot, born in September, 1812, died Feb. 9, 1877, aged sixty-four years, four months, nineteen days. Mr. and Mrs. Shipman are buried in the Fisher's Ferry cemetery. They had the following children: Matilda married Joseph Porter; John Landis lives in Shamokin; Corinda died at the age of fifty-eight, unmarried; Lydia is the widow of Silas R. Snyder; Hiram A. is a resident of Carthage, Mo.; Harriet E. married Dr. H. K. Myers, who died in 1900, aged fifty-nine years, six days; Isaac E. resides in Kansas.

William Shipman, son of Harmon, was a native of New Jersey, born in Harmony township June 9, 1756, and died Jan. 23, 1841, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, where he settled in 1794. He is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church in that township. As previously mentioned, he served in the Revolutionary war. On coming to Northumberland county with his brother Nicholas, in the spring of 1794, he purchased 150 acres of land, where he made his home, and subsequently made additional purchases until he owned a large acreage. Soon after the close of the Revolution he married Catherine Campbell, of Sussex county, N. J., and they had children as follows: John, Jacob, William, Abram, Johannah, Lizzie, Sara and Lydia.

John Shipman, son of William, was born Oct. 13, 1783, in Sussex county, N. J., and accompanied his parents to Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, where he was engaged in farming to the end of his days, dying April 8, 1850. He married Mary McKinney, who was born Jan. 25, 1786, daughter of Abraham and Abigail McKinney and granddaughter of William McKinney, a native of Ireland, born Aug. 20, 1723, who died Oct. 24, 1777; his wife, Hannah, born Sept. 9, 1730, died March 18, 1765; they lived in Warren county, N. J. Mrs. Shipman died March 10, 1851. She was the mother of eleven children, born as follows: Abraham, March 10, 1810 (died Aug. 8, 1878); Sarah, Sept. 14, 1811 (died Nov. 2, 1883); Isaac, Aug. 5, 1813 (died April 1, 1836, by accident, in

the prime of life and health); Jacob, Jan. 1, 1816 (died Oct. 3, 1890; his son Luther died Feb. 5, 1891, aged thirty-eight years, five months, twenty days); Abigail, Oct. 17, 1817 (died March 23, 1880); William C., Oct. 31, 1819; Rachel E., Dec. 13, 1821 (died Oct. 22, 1824); James M., Jan. 25, 1824 (died Oct. 24, 1824); John, Dec. 25, 1825 (died Sept. 5, 1887); Samuel H., Nov. 30, 1828 (died April 15, 1864; his wife Catharine died July 9, 1905, aged seventy-nine years, one month, nine days); Peter, Aug. 11, 1833.

Abraham Shipman, eldest son of John and Mary (McKinney) Shipman, was born March 10, 1810, in Lower Augusta township, where he passed all his life, dying Aug. 8, 1878, on the old farm homestead. He received only such advantages as the common schools of the day afforded, but he was a man of keen and intelligent mind, and he became well educated by following the bent of his own inclinations. He studied civil engineering under David Andrews and learned surveying, which he followed from March, 1836, throughout his active years, serving several years as county surveyor. In addition to farming he carried on milling, building what is known as the Shipman mill, a large gristmill in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and in connection with his work as surveyor he did considerable conveyancing. He served as associate judge under Judge Jordan for a period of ten years, being first elected in 1861 and reelected in 1866; and subsequently was justice of the peace in Lower Augusta township for several years. In politics he was an ardent Democrat and one of the local party leaders, for a long time the recognized leader in this county. He was also active in his earlier years in local military matters, serving as a member of the Jackson Rifles from 1829 to 1836. He was a large, athletic man, of fine appearance, and his presence added much to gatherings of that kind.

On Feb. 14, 1837, Mr. Shipman married Elizabeth Yoxtheimer, who died April 8, 1892. Their union was blessed with eleven children, all born in Lower Augusta township, ten of whom reached maturity: (1) Lemuel, born Dec. 15, 1838, is mentioned below. (2) Matilda, born Aug. 19, 1840, was married Aug. 12, 1859, to John Bloom, of Lower Augusta township, now a successful farmer of Rockefeller township. (3) Mark, born April 24, 1842, died in June, 1870. He enlisted in the Union army soon after the opening of the Civil war and remained in active service until its close, being stationed most of the time at Key West, Fla. (4) Saul is mentioned below. (5) Ruth, born Aug. 6, 1845, married Oct. 31, 1867, Joseph Gass, Jr., a farmer of Rockefeller township. (6) Ann, born Nov. 25, 1847, died June 5, 1908. On Nov. 15, 1866, she married Anthony S. Speece, who is engaged in the powder business at Speeceville, Dauphin Co., Pa. (7) Rebecca J., born Dec. 21,

1850, married Franklin Mayberry. (8) Silas, born April 30, 1853, died Aug. 14, 1853. (9) Ira is mentioned below. (10) Walter, born Aug. 3, 1856, was a lawyer by profession and had long been justice of the peace at Sunbury, where he resided. He married April 30, 1878, Josephine M. Col-dren, and they had three children, Lida M., Carrie G. and James F. (11) Jefferson, born Feb. 24, 1859, is a successful attorney at Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania.

Lemuel Shipman, son of Abraham, born Dec. 15, 1838, received his education in the public schools and at the New Berlin Academy. In his early life he worked for his father on the farm and in the saw and grist mill, and also taught school for a number of years. On Oct. 30, 1862, he enlisted in Company D (Capt. Edwin A. Evans), 3d Pennsylvania Volunteer Artillery, 152d Pennsylvania Regiment. He entered the service as first sergeant, was promoted to second lieutenant of his company May 16, 1864, and served as such to the close of the war. While officer of the day at Fortress Monroe he had charge of a distinguished prisoner, Jeff. Davis, the president of the Confederacy. Upon his return from the army he was engaged in business as a merchant until elected register of wills, recorder of deeds and clerk of the Orphans' court, in 1873, serving as such from 1874 to 1880, and also filled other positions of trust and honor while a resident of Northumberland county. He was in the railroad contracting business for seven years, in 1887 removing to Lewisburg, Union county, where he became prominent in business circles. He was prominent in building up a nail mill, steam car axle forge and furniture factory (the latter being the Lewisburg Furniture Works); and in 1889 removed to West Virginia, where he engaged in the lumbering business. He is now a resident of Meridian, Miss., engaged in the manufacture of lumber and other enterprises.

On Sept. 27, 1860, Mr. Shipman married Maria Bloom, who was born Aug. 16, 1842, daughter of William Bloom, and they had a family of six children, viz.: William A. is mentioned below; D. Webster, born March 1, 1863, a practicing attorney, has been district attorney of Northumberland county; Edwin H., born Oct. 30, 1867, is employed by the Shamokin Street Railway Company; Lizzie, born Aug. 10, 1869, died Aug. 19, 1871; Charles C., born Oct. 2, 1872, died Dec. 11, 1874; Augusta, born March 19, 1874, married S. C. Yocum, who is superintendent of schools of Coal township, Northumberland county.

WILLIAM A. SHIPMAN, now engaged in the undertaking business at No. 701 Market street, Sunbury, Northumberland county, was born Sept. 11, 1861, in Rockefeller township, this county. He began his education there in the local schools and was ten years old when he came with his parents to Sunbury, where he attended the high school.

Later he became a student at Bucknell College, from which he was graduated in 1886, and in the spring of 1887 he opened a furniture store at Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa., where he was located until the spring of 1889, since when he has been established at Sunbury. He has made a specialty of undertaking, in which line he is a leader in this section, receiving his full share of the local patronage. His personal and business standing has been won by upright methods, able management and fair treatment of his customers.

On Oct. 10, 1888, Mr. Shipman married Annie E. Snyder, daughter of Thomas Snyder, of Sunbury, and they have a family of five children: Myrtle E., Russel C., Harley N., William A., Jr., and Helen.

Mr. Shipman is a prominent member of the Baptist Church, which he has served many years as superintendent of the Sunday school, as well as in other capacities. Fraternally he belongs to Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., the Modern Woodmen and the Sons of Veterans.

SAUL SHIPMAN, son of Abraham, was born in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township Jan. 4, 1844.

Reared to labor on the farm, and in the saw and grist mills, with the limited educational advantages of a country school, in August, 1862, the darkest days of the Rebellion, he entered the Union army as a volunteer for nine months' service, in the old 5th Corps, participating in the campaigns of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. After his discharge, at the end of his term of service, being in too delicate health for hard labor, he took a preparatory collegiate course in Freeburg Academy, but his limited means prevented him from going further. In 1864 he began his pedagogical career by taking charge of a public school in his own district.

In 1869 he was elected superintendent of schools of his native county, and reelected in 1872, serving six years in all. In this position he made a very efficient officer. Characterized as a hard worker, he followed up what he undertook with an energy and perseverance worthy of imitation. Punctual in all his appointments, he allowed nothing to interrupt the fulfillment of his engagements. By his thorough course he greatly elevated the grade of the schools of the county.

In the summer of 1870 he conducted a local normal school at Shamokin—the first movement of the kind in this section of the country and a most gratifying success. He has the reputation of having been the most efficient examining officer that ever filled the position of school superintendent of this county; also, the credit of having held the best series of institutes ever held in the county. The annual reports prepared by him as superintendent of schools are concise, pithy, suggestive



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and outspoken documents and form a valuable contribution to the county school literature. An independent thinker, he is positive in his opinions and actions, conscientious in the discharge of duties, just and unyielding in what he believes to be right.

He is a member of the G. A. R., has served as secretary of church and joint councils; secretary of his own lodge, and representative to the grand lodge, I. O. O. F.; is secretary-treasurer of Plum Creek Cemetery Company (incorporated), of which he was the organizer, and is now serving his nineteenth year, by annual election, as secretary of a local mutual fire insurance company, incorporated. He resides in Rockefeller township, and is engaged in agricultural and horticultural pursuits, his work in these occupations being excellent object lessons, and his advice and suggestions eagerly sought by the most progressive people engaged in the same pursuits.

Mr. Shipman married July 13, 1869, Lucinda Fasold, who was born Sept. 20, 1847. They had nine children, eight sons and one daughter, all still living, seven of whom were teachers in the public schools; only one has remained in that work, the second being a supervising principal in the Philadelphia schools. The record of this family is as follows: (1) Warren Lee graduated from the Millersville normal school, supplementing this course with a special course at Valparaiso, Ind., and also graduated from the Dickinson Law School, Carlisle, Pa.; he now resides in Arkansas, engaged in farming and stock raising. (2) Gordon Bryant, a graduate of Millersville State normal school, supplemented his work there by an extended course, and is now a public school principal in Philadelphia. (3) Cullen Frazer, a graduate of Bucknell University, and Hon. S. P. Wolverton's last law student, is now a practicing attorney at Sunbury. (4) Ivan Vernon, a graduate of the Pennsylvania Dental College, Philadelphia, is now practicing dentistry at Sunbury. (5) Melville M. is a carrier in the mail service from the Philadelphia post office. (6) Truman G. is in the government service, in the United States weather bureau. (7) Grover C. served his apprenticeship as a patternmaker at Baldwin's, Philadelphia, and is now engaged as a skilled workman at his trade, in Danville. (8) Catherine E., the only daughter, married Charles W. Gearhart, and resides at Sunbury. (9) Don Benito is now a junior student in the Sunbury high school.

IRA SHIPMAN, son of Abraham, was born in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, this county, May 17, 1854. It is a coincidence that the year of his birth was the year the office of county superintendent of schools, in which he served efficiently for six years, was established. He received his early education in the country schools near his

birthplace, attended also at New Bloomfield, Perry county, and was later a student at the Freeburg Academy and the Shippensburg normal school. He began to teach at the age of seventeen and found his principal work in that profession to the end of his days. The first four years he was engaged in his native township, after which he was chosen a teacher for Sunbury, in which borough he followed his profession, as teacher, principal and superintendent, for nearly thirty years. There is hardly any one educator whose influence on the schools of the borough has been so strong or so lasting. In 1893 he was chosen county superintendent of schools, and held that office until 1899, after which, until his death, he was borough superintendent. At a meeting of the board of education held May 2, 1905, his term of office was extended for a period of three years, he being elected without opposition and at an increased salary. Had he lived, he would have entered upon the duties of principal of the Herndon (Northumberland county) schools, to which position he had been chosen, and which opened the day before his death. Such is a brief statement of the various capacities in which his services were given. Of his work, none who knew him had anything but words of praise. During his incumbency as superintendent the country schools were especially benefited, being graded and brought to a high state of efficiency, and he was equally zealous in his work at Sunbury. Indefatigable in his own efforts, he expected the same degree of industry and enthusiasm from all the teachers coöperating with him, but he was appreciative and just, winning their loyalty and support as well as their best exertions. He died Aug. 31, 1909, at the age of fifty-five years, mourned by all who knew him. The following explains itself:

"WHEREAS: Since the last meeting of the Northumberland County Teachers' Institute, God, in His allwise providence, has seen fit to remove, by death, from the ranks of our profession, Prof. Ira Shipman of the borough of Sunbury,

"WHEREAS: By the death of Prof. Shipman, the County has lost an educator who, by persistent effort, indefatigable work and intelligent application, placed himself at the head of the schools of the County and of the borough of Sunbury, and,

"WHEREAS: By the death of Prof. Shipman we have lost a sincere friend, a wise counselor, and a splendid leader in the positions which he so ably filled, a self-made man, attentive to his duties, a real help to the teachers, a model school man, and, as Dr. Schaeffer puts it, 'One of the three great County Superintendents of the State'—the graded course of study, monthly reviews, final examinations, and the granting of diplomas, stand out as monuments of his work:

"Therefore: Be it resolved that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in its

affliction, and commend it to Him who doeth all things well. * * *

"Be it further resolved: That these resolutions be recorded on the minutes of the Northumberland County Teachers' Institute, and that copies of the same be sent to the bereaved families." The document bears the signatures of the seven members of the Memorial committee.

It was not alone in the schools that Mr. Shipman served his community well. When a young man he studied surveying with his father, spending his holidays at the work, and in 1882 was appointed county surveyor to succeed E. M. Purdy, who had resigned, filling the position until the next election, in 1883. He also gained considerable knowledge of civil engineering under his father, and after his father's death became custodian of the notes of many important surveys. He attained a high reputation as a civil engineer, and served the borough of Sunbury in that capacity for five years, during which time the first section of street paving was laid there, under his supervision. He filled this position while teaching, resigning it in 1893, when elected county superintendent of schools. He was for a time borough regulator, and served Rockefeller township as justice of the peace.

Mr. Shipman's life was in every respect an example of unselfish devotion to the ideals he cherished, and the strength of character he displayed in carrying out his plans, especially in his educational work, is referred to with pride by all who knew him. Thoughtfulness marked all his actions, even to the last. Realizing a few days before his death that the end was near, he made complete arrangements for his funeral and interment, sparing his family and friends as many of the sad duties as possible. He passed away at his home on Catawissa avenue and was laid to rest in Pomfret Manor cemetery. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church from early life to the end of his days, but as the First Presbyterian church of Sunbury was undergoing repairs at the time of his decease the funeral services were held in the First Baptist church. Fraternally Mr. Shipman held membership in Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, the Sovereign Patriotic Knights, the I. O. O. F., the P. O. S. of A. and the Royal Arcanum.

On April 27, 1876, Mr. Shipman married Theresa Miller, daughter of Solomon and Caroline (Kline) Miller, who lived in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, where Mr. Miller was the owner of a large farm, which he cultivated. Three children were born to this union, Herbert M. (deceased), Ralph and Waldo. Upon the death of his father Mr. Shipman purchased the old family homestead, where he had spent his early life, remodeled the dwelling, and there made his home for eight or ten years.

RALPH SHIPMAN, son of Ira, was born Aug. 13,

1879. He received a common school education in Sunbury and attended the Bloomsburg State Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa. Later he served an apprenticeship to the trade of machinist. In December, 1908, his father became connected with the Shipman Instrument Company, which manufactures speed indicators for use on automobiles and railroads, and Ralph Shipman became secretary and treasurer of the concern after the death of his father. This company produced the first successful speed indicator built on the escapement principle, recording the speed in miles per hour, trip and season distances, and trip and season running hours. Mr. Shipman is an enterprising young business man, and a citizen of promising value to the community. He is a member of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, of the Royal Arcanum and of the Modern Woodmen of America. In 1907 he married Della Daniels, and they have had one son, Baldo.

WALDO SHIPMAN, son of Ira, was born Feb. 2, 1882, in Lower Augusta township, graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1901, and subsequently attended the Pratt Institute, at Brooklyn, N. Y., taking the electrical course, and graduating in 1905. Meantime he had been in the employ of the Westinghouse Company, extensive manufacturers of electrical supplies, and after his graduation he engaged in the electrical contracting business at Lewistown, Pa., for two years. He then began as a salesman for the Elliott Lewis Electric Company of Philadelphia, his territory being northeastern Pennsylvania and the lower end of New York State. His thorough familiarity with the products he handles makes his services particularly efficient. He is a member of Lodge No. 663, B. P. O. E., of Lewistown; of Sunbury Council, Royal Arcanum; and of Lewistown Lodge, No. 203, F. & A. M., Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He also belongs to U. C. T. Council, No. 350, of Williamsport, Pa. On March 21, 1906, Mr. Shipman married Sarah Maud Kauffman. They have no children.

WALTER SHIPMAN, lawyer and justice of the peace, late of Sunbury, was for many years one of the prominent residents of that borough, well known in his earlier years as a public school teacher and later as a successful member of the legal profession.

Mr. Shipman was born Aug. 3, 1856, in Lower Augusta township, this county, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Yoxthimer) Shipman. In his early life he attended the Freeburg Academy, later becoming a student at the Millersville State Normal school, after which he was engaged as an educator for fifteen years, in the public schools of Sunbury, where he won especial reputation for thoroughness and skill as a disciplinarian. During

the latter part of this period he studied law under George B. Reimensnyder, Esq., of Sunbury, was admitted to the bar in 1885, and made a decided success as a legal practitioner. He had an extensive practice, handling many important cases not only in the lower courts but also in the Supreme court, and had an especially large practice in the Orphans' court of the county. His standing among the members of his profession may be judged from the fact that he served for over ten years as member of the examining committee of the county bar, giving his services without compensation. He filled a number of public positions, for the most part in the line of his chosen work, being borough solicitor two years (at the time his brother Ira Shipman was borough regulator), holding this office under two Republican chief burgesses—Peter Bowen and Jacob Renn—though he himself was a Democrat. In 1893 he was elected justice of the peace on the Democratic ticket, by a majority of 283, and in 1898 was reelected by a majority of 1,100, continuing to serve until his death, at which time he was filling his fourth term. In 1901 he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president judge, and received flattering indorsement, carrying every ward in his own city, though he did not receive the nomination. The Shipmans generally have been prominent in public affairs and politics, and he proved no exception to the rule, gaining and maintaining honorable standing in the life of the community.

Mr. Shipman died July 21, 1911, at his home in Sunbury, after about a year's illness and suffering, during which he underwent three fruitless operations. The simple but impressive funeral services, held at the house, were conducted by Rev. Robert O'Boyle, assisted by Rev. Richard Gass, of Elysburg, and Rev. Walter W. C. Pugh, of Sunbury, and were largely attended. The members of the Northumberland County Bar Association and other organizations to which Mr. Shipman belonged attended in a body. The interment at Pomfret Manor cemetery was private, though the ritual of the B. P. O. Elks, of which he was a prominent member, was observed. The acting pallbearers, nephews of Mr. Shipman, were Dr. H. W. Gass, Dr. I. V. Shipman, Ralph Shipman, D. W. Shipman, Esq., Frazer Shipman, Esq., and R. Ira Gass. The honorary pallbearers were Hon. C. R. Savidge, Hon. Voris Auten, Hon. C. B. Witmer, Harry S. Knight, H. W. Cummings and John V. Leshner.

Mr. Shipman was one of the most prominent members of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, a past exalted ruler of that body, and represented the lodge at the convention held in Salt Lake City in 1902. He was also a member of Washington Camp No. 194, P. O. S. of A., Lance and Shield Conclave and the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Shipman married Claudine Fasold, daughter of Solomon W. and Maranda (Kimble) Fasold,

the former of whom, a farmer of Rockefeller township, died July 16, 1905. Mrs. Shipman survives, as do also the three children of Mr. Shipman by a former union: Lida Maude, now Mrs. William Gaskins, of Sunbury; Carrie Glen, now Mrs. Charles D. Keefer, of Sunbury; and James Fay, a graduate of the Dickinson Law School, who was admitted to practice in Northumberland county but is now a practicing attorney at Moundsville, West Virginia.

Joseph Shipman was a farmer in what is now Lower Augusta township, owning a farm which was later the property of his son John B., who sold it to one James H. Smith. Joseph Shipman is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. He married Mary, daughter of John Bergstresser, and nine children were born to this union, viz.: Elizabeth married Matthew DeWitt; John B. is mentioned below; Phoebe married William P. Koontz, who died May 23, 1854, aged twenty-five years, eleven months, and she subsequently married George McCarthy; Nicholas lives in Ohio; Lot, who was a school teacher, later interested in a grain elevator, died April 1, 1904, in Ohio, aged seventy years, five months, ten days, and is buried in the West; Jemima married John Ditty and died Aug. 2, 1904, aged sixty-one years, ten days (she is buried at Shamokin, Pa.); Adaline, who was the wife of Robert Feaster, died May 12, 1891, aged forty-five years, five months, eleven days, and is buried at the Baptist Church at Augusta; Catharine died July 26, 1836, aged eight years, fourteen days; Joseph married Harriet Read, and died Oct. 20, 1845, aged forty-two years, one month, eight days.

JOHN B. SHIPMAN was a native of Lower Augusta township, born March 23, 1830, and died July 18, 1906, on his farm near Vera Cruz (Malta post office), in Lower Mahanoy township. He was a lifelong farmer, a substantial and respected citizen, one who held the good will and esteem of all who knew him. Reared in his native township, he afterward owned his father's farm there, selling it to James H. Smith before he settled in Lower Mahanoy, in 1884. He had a farm of 144 acres in the latter township (formerly owned by John Underkoffler), and there passed the remainder of his days. It was the old original David Underkoffler homestead and was settled by a Witmer; the house is a pebble-dashed log structure and one of the landmarks of that section.

In 1883 Mr. Shipman married Emma J. DeWitt, daughter of Paul and Abigail (Shipman) DeWitt, of Lower Augusta township, and the following year, as above mentioned, they moved to the farm in Lower Mahanoy township where Mr. Shipman followed farming until his death. As they were English-speaking people they had some difficulty at first in their social intercourse with their German neighbors. Two children were born

to Mr. and Mrs. Shipman: Carrie Abigail, who died in infancy, and Franklin Clyde. The son farms the homestead place, where he and his mother continue to make their home, and he is an industrious and respected young man, intelligent and up-to-date in his agricultural methods, which have been attended with excellent results. He received his early education in the local schools and later attended summer normal school at Georgetown.

Mr. Shipman was a Presbyterian in religious connection and is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM L. DEWART, of Sunbury, editor and proprietor of the *Sunbury Daily* and the *Northumberland County Democrat*, wields in that connection an appreciable influence upon public sentiment and progress in that community. His father and grandfather were men of character and force, both representatives in the National Legislature, and the name has long been associated in Pennsylvania with leadership in the Democratic party.

William Dewart, the great-grandfather of William L. Dewart, was born in 1740 in Ireland, and came thence to America in 1765, first settling in Chester county, Pa. He was in such humble circumstances that he paid his passage money after his arrival, working for five dollars a month, but industry and thrift soon brought their reward. He came to Sunbury, where he opened a store in 1775, just three years after the organization of Northumberland county. He was the second merchant at that point, and his store was the first in the town, a log building on Chestnut street, between Second and Center streets. Subsequently he purchased ground on the north side of Market street, where he built a brick residence and store, and he made a success of his business, accumulating considerable property. He was constable of Augusta township as early as 1777. He died July 25, 1814, aged seventy-four years. His wife, Eleanor, died Sept. 17, 1805, aged fifty-eight years, ten months, twenty-four days. They had a large family of children, most of whom, however, died in youth. We have record of the two sons William, Jr., and Lewis, the latter of whom was the grandfather of the present William L. Dewart, of Sunbury. William Dewart, Jr., died Nov. 12, 1810, aged thirty-two years, one month, twenty-three days; he married Liberty Brady, who was born Aug. 9, 1778, daughter of John and Mary Brady, and died July 25, 1851. Their son, William, born Nov. 24, 1806, died May 18, 1841; he was a well known merchant at Sunbury.

Hon. Lewis Dewart, son of William and Eleanor Dewart, was born in Sunbury Nov. 14, 1780, when the place was little more than a military post in the wilderness. For a number of years he was his

father's assistant in the store, and was postmaster at Sunbury from 1806 until 1816, but his public career began when he was a comparatively young man and covered many years. From 1812 to 1820 he represented his district in the State Assembly and in 1823 was elected State senator to succeed Albright, deceased, serving three years in that capacity. In 1830 he was elected a member of the Twenty-second Congress from what is now the Seventeenth district and was reelected in 1832. In 1834 he was honored with reelection to the State Legislature, in which he resumed his seat and served three terms, until 1840, during the last year of that period being honored with the speakership of the House. In 1839 he was chief burgess of Sunbury, and for many years he was a member of the School Board. Mr. Dewart was not only a highly capable public servant, but a citizen who benefited the community equally in his activity in the development of industrial enterprises, noteworthy among which was the Danville & Pottsville railroad, which, in company with Stephen Girard, of Philadelphia, and Gen. Daniel Montgomery, of Danville, he organized and built; Mr. Dewart was one of the first directors of this road and served as such for many years. He and Stephen Girard were the pioneers in the Schuylkill county coal fields, and they had large holdings of valuable coal property in the vicinity of Shamokin, this county, as well as in Schuylkill county. Their idea was to uncover the coal instead of tunneling, but the process proved too expensive to be practicable. Mr. Dewart was identified with the promotion or realization of many of the most advanced improvements of his day and was, indeed, one of the most prominent citizens in central Pennsylvania, but his business undertakings were particularly helpful to the opening up of the territory north of Sunbury. In 1840, the year he retired from active business pursuits, he was a Democratic candidate for the nomination for governor. He was succeeded in the leadership of the party by his son, William Lewis Dewart, who carried the honor of the name into even greater usefulness than his father had attempted. Lewis Dewart was associated with the most noted men of his time, being a warm friend of Andrew Jackson, and his influential connections gave him the opportunity to do much for his home community that would have been impossible for one less powerful or valuable personally. He was a man of fine presence, commanding attention and respect wherever he went. His death occurred April 26, 1852, when he was seventy-one years old, and his remains rest in a vault at Sunbury. He married Elizabeth Liggett, a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania.

Hon. William Lewis Dewart, only son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Liggett) Dewart, was born June 21, 1821, at Sunbury, and received his education at various places. His early training was largely

received at Harrisburg, where the family were located during the many sessions his father served in the State Legislature, and he took his preparatory collegiate course at Dickinson Preparatory School, Carlisle, Pa., after graduating from which institution he entered Princeton as a sophomore, in 1836. He was graduated from that university in 1839, read law with Hon. Charles G. Donnel, of Sunbury, and was admitted to the bar Jan. 3, 1843. The law was his chosen vocation, and he practiced for many years in partnership with the famous Capt. Charles J. Bruner, of Sunbury, but his forceful nature and the circumstances of his father's failing health and consequent retirement drew him into business and public affairs, for which he proved to be eminently fitted. In 1845-46 he served as chief Burgess of Sunbury, and at that time he was already regarded as the local party leader, a supremacy which was accorded him until 1870, for a quarter of a century. During that period he was regarded as the foremost man in Northumberland county. In 1850 his father's health failed, forcing him to assume business cares which were too important to be intrusted elsewhere. His private interests were very extensive, and he was long a director of the Northumberland National Bank (now known as the First National Bank of Sunbury). In 1852 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore, in 1856 to the Cincinnati Convention and in 1860 to the "Douglas" Convention, the same year being a Pennsylvania elector on the Douglas ticket. In 1884 he was a delegate to the Chicago Convention which nominated Cleveland for President. In 1856 he was elected a member of the Thirty-fifth Congress. A portly gentleman, of fine appearance and genial disposition, he was as attractive as well as prominent figure in society, and held a notable place in all the activities of his day. He was a Mason in fraternal connection and a Presbyterian in religion. His death occurred in Sunbury April 19, 1888.

On June 21, 1848, Mr. Dewart married Rosetta Van Horn, daughter of Espy Van Horn, of Williamsport, and they reared two sons. Mrs. Dewart survived her husband. In 1853 Mr. Dewart took his family to Europe, spending about a year traveling over England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and other places of interest and attraction.

It is a coincidence worthy of note that Espy Van Horn, of Williamsport, father of Mrs. Dewart, was the direct predecessor in Congress of Mr. Dewart's father; and that William Wilson, her stepfather, was her father's predecessor in that legislative body.

Lewis Dewart, son of Hon. William Lewis Dewart, was born May 6, 1849, in Sunbury. After attending the common schools he took a preparatory course at Columbia, Pa., and Edge Hill, and then

entered Princeton, graduating therefrom in 1872. He read law with the late Judge Jordan, and was admitted to the bar in 1874. He received the degree of Master of Arts from his alma mater. In 1875 Mr. Dewart was elected borough clerk, which office he held one term, and in 1877 was elected district attorney. Like others of the name he was an energetic worker in the Democratic party, having been a member of the central committee, and delegate to county, district, State and national conventions, among them the convention at which Pattison was nominated for governor and the convention in 1892 when Cleveland received the nomination. He was a member of Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M. He died Aug. 27, 1901, unmarried.

William L. Dewart, son of William Lewis and Rosetta (Van Horn) Dewart, was born March 24, 1858, in Washington, D. C., while his father was a member of Congress. After receiving his elementary training he was a student for two years at the Pennsylvania Military Academy, at Chester, thence going to the Shoemaker Academy, at Chambersburg, from which he was graduated in 1877. Returning to Sunbury he commenced to learn the printing and newspaper business, reporting for the *Daily* and the *Northumberland County Democrat*, and in time becoming city editor of the *Daily*, in which he purchased an interest Jan. 1, 1880. He has been associated with that paper as editor and proprietor ever since, and in the same capacity with the *Northumberland County Democrat*, both of which papers have been under the same ownership and management throughout that period.

Though he has never had any personal official aspirations, and has never been a candidate for any political office, Mr. Dewart has upheld the reputation of his family as a bulwark of the Democratic party, and has served as delegate to many conventions. In 1884 he was alternate at the national convention held at Chicago which gave Grover Cleveland his first nomination for the Presidency; in 1892, when Cleveland was nominated for the third time, he was a delegate to the national convention; and he was again a delegate in 1904, at St. Louis, when Alton B. Parker received the nomination.

Mr. Dewart is a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Calvary Commandery, No. 74, K. T., all of Sunbury; has been a vestryman of the Episcopal Church at Sunbury for a number of years; and maintains considerable activity in the social life of the city, being noted for his hospitable and companionable nature.

In 1897 Mr. Dewart married Edith Grant, daughter of the late William T. Grant, of Sunbury, and to them have been born three sons, William Lewis, Lewis and Gilbert F.

WILLIAM Z. RAKER has been identified with mercantile business at Trevorton for over fifty years, having first come to this place in 1858. With the exception of a few years spent in the South he has lived there ever since. He became interested in his present establishment in 1899.

Mr. Raker was born Nov. 2, 1834, in Little Mahanoy township, this county, son of Jacob Raker. The latter was born in that township in 1808 and there spent all his life. By occupation he was a farmer and tanner, tanning being his main occupation. He was a man of considerable prominence in the locality in his day, served as justice of the peace, school director, and in other offices, and was one time a candidate for county sheriff, but was defeated by a very small majority. Politically he was quite an active member of the Democratic party. He died Dec. 28, 1859, aged fifty-one years, eight months, two days, and is buried in Little Mahanoy township. He married Barbara Zartman, and they became the parents of fourteen children, namely: Harry, Lucinda, William Z., Daniel, Abbie, Cornelius, Samuel, Enoch, Rebecca, Conrad, Alice, Joseph, and two that died in infancy.

William Z. Raker attended pay schools conducted in the home territory in his youth and later had the advantages of two terms at Freeburg Academy and one term at Berrysburg. For two terms he was engaged in teaching, one in Lower Augusta township and one in Little Mahanoy township, after which he found employment as clerk for William Deppen, in Jackson township, and also at Trevorton, whither he came in 1858. After three years in his employ he became a clerk for Mowton & Co., with whom he remained two years, in 1861 engaging in a general mercantile business on his own account. He carried on this store until 1874, when he gave up the business to go South, being in South Carolina for some time. After a lapse of eight years he became assistant to the postmaster at Trevorton, continuing as such for three years, when he reentered business life as member of the firm of Raker & Kostetter, on Feb. 17, 1899, his associate being Isaac Kostetter. They continued to do business together until May, 1903, when Mr. Raker became sole proprietor of the store, which he still conducts.

Mr. Raker has long been associated with the public affairs of the community, having served ten years as tax collector, one term as assessor, and also as auditor, giving faithful service in all these trusts. He is a Democrat in political connection. In religion he is a Lutheran, one of the workers in his church, which he has served in an official capacity: for twelve years he was superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Raker married Charlotte Malich, daughter of Jacob Malich, and they have had four children: Emma, the widow of Philip C. Breimeier, has one

son, Frederick W., a graduate of Bucknell College, class of 1910, now a teacher at State College; Katie is the wife of D. W. Reitz, of Trevorton, and has sons W. Stanley and Robert; J. Wilson lives at Trevorton; Eva A. married Fred Walt, of Trevorton, and they have children, Charlotte S. and Roger William.

JAMES H. STRAUB, president and general manager of the Croninger Packing Company, is an active and successful business man of Shamokin, where he has made his home since 1894.

The Straub family originally came from Germany. George Straub, grandfather of James H., lived in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he was engaged in farming in the Mahantango Valley, owning a farm of 260 acres of good land. He died in Deep Creek Valley, in that county, in 1858, aged fifty-three years, and was buried there. His wife, Bevvie Zerbe, daughter of John Zerbe, died aged ninety-six years, and was buried at Williamstown, Dauphin county. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: John, who died in Schuylkill county; George, who died in Schuylkill county; Elias, who died at Shamokin; Joseph, who died at Girardville, Pa.; Daniel, living at Williamstown; Moses, who died young; Henry, who served in the Civil war and died one week after his release from Andersonville prison; Emanuel, born in the Mahantango Valley Nov. 5, 1843, who served as a private in Company D, 48th Pa. V. I., in the Civil war, and now lives in Shamokin; Harriet, who married David Crone, and died in Schuylkill county; and Tobias, living at Wiconisco, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Straub, son of George, was born in the Mahantango Valley, and followed farming in his youth. He now resides in Dauphin county, at Williamstown, where in connection with farming he has a fine teaming business. He married Lucy Derr, of Schuylkill county, and their children are: John, who is in the real estate business in Los Angeles, Cal.; James H.; Lena, who married J. N. Weidel, of Altoona, Pa.; Charles, a miner at Williamstown; and Mamie, who married Albert Skelton, an engineer at Williamstown.

James H. Straub was born near Hegins, Schuylkill county, March 25, 1866. He attended the schools of Dauphin county, and on starting out to earn his own way began as a miner, a line of work he followed until he was twenty-six years of age. In 1887 he went to Kansas, and two years later to Colorado, following mining in the latter State. On his return East he located at Williamstown, Dauphin county, and was there engaged in mining until 1894, when he came to Shamokin. Here he learned the butcher's trade with his uncle, Elias Straub, and after a short time he and his uncle formed a partnership under the name of Straub & Co., which continued for three years. The uncle retiring Mr. Straub carried the business on alone,

and made a great success of it. He was located at No. 104 South Market street, and in April, 1907, sold his business to Paul & Pensyl. In October, 1906, he had become president of the Croninger Packing Company, and in order to give his whole attention to the development of this business he was obliged to give up his private establishment. He is also general manager for the company, which is doing one of the largest businesses of the kind in this part of the State. The business is established in a large brick building at No. 429 West Walnut street, Shamokin, affording about forty thousand square feet of floor space. Mr. Straub is a man of fine executive ability, and through this and his sound business judgment has been able to bring about the best results for the company of which he is the head. His business integrity has given the company a high standing in the commercial world. He was one of the organizers and original directors of the new Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of Shamokin.

Mr. Straub married Amelia Mace, daughter of Michael Mace, and they have two children, Howard and Charles. Mr. Straub is a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree; and the Temple Club at Shamokin. The family attend the Evangelical Church.

ALFRED C. CLARK, M. D., of Sunbury, has been engaged in the practice of medicine in that borough for a period of forty years, and has long been one of the prominent physicians of his section. He has served in a number of public positions, in his professional capacity, and in every relation of life has been found a valuable citizen, conscientious in the performance of duty and in his endeavors to uphold high standards of living among the many with whom his work has brought him into association.

Dr. Clark is a grandson of Jonathan Clark, who married Elizabeth Stroh, daughter of Philip Stroh, who was from Lancaster county, Pa. Mrs. Clark was born Jan. 14, 1802, and died Aug. 22, 1884. She was the mother of: David, of Northumberland county; John, of Lower Augusta township, this county; Mary, who married a Mr. DeWitt, and is now a widow, living in Lower Augusta township; and Philip.

Philip Clark, son of Jonathan, was born in Upper Augusta township, this county, and died at Sunbury at the age of sixty-five years. He married Eliza Fry, of Upper Augusta township, and both are buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery, at Sunbury. Owing to his father's untimely death Philip Clark was early thrown upon his own resources, and he began life in such humble circumstances that he was obliged to go barefooted until grown. He worked as a farm laborer from young

boyhood, and received but forty days' schooling. But his was a strong nature, and he triumphed over obstacles by perseverance and application, educating himself by devotion to study at every opportunity so that in early manhood he was able to teach, beginning in Upper Augusta township. He followed that calling some years. He was successful in everything he undertook. A natural-born carpenter, he built many houses in Sunbury, making the plans as well as doing the work, and he was long engaged as a railroad and bridge contractor, in which line he was associated with different parties. He built the Port Carbon railroad, and in partnership with Adam Lenker he built several large bridges. For some time he conducted a general store at Snyderstown, Pa. Politically he was a Democrat and influential in the party, and he served from 1859 to 1862 as commissioner of Northumberland county. He was an Episcopalian in religious connection.

Alfred Craven Clark was the only son of Philip and Eliza Clark. He was named Craven after the civil engineer who laid out the Port Carbon railroad. Born Aug. 3, 1845, in Sunbury, he has passed the greater part of his life in that borough, where he received his early education in public and private schools. He obtained his professional preparation in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1869, after which he was located at Dalmatia, this county, for a year. He has since been settled at Sunbury, having his office on Market square, and there are few men in that place better known. Dr. Clark has not only been energetic in responding to the demands of private practice, but he has taken the larger view of responsibility which brings added duties to so many of his profession. Seeing the needs of the community in their constant daily contact with its many phases, they cannot evade the call of public spirit and intelligent interest in the general welfare, and their opportunities for remedial work result in unselfish though often unappreciated efforts to help their fellow citizens. He served seven years as prison physician, was county medical inspector for the department of health of the State of Pennsylvania for the long period of twenty-three years (resigning this office in 1908), and for two years was surgeon for the Northern Central and Philadelphia & Erie railroads. Socially he holds membership in the B. P. O. Elks and the Odd Fellows, at Sunbury. He is a Democrat in political opinion and has been active in the party. In short, he is interested in all the life of the community, his energetic nature finding channels of usefulness opening in every direction in which his work or sympathies lead him.

In 1867 Dr. Clark married Elizabeth Reess, of Philadelphia, daughter of C. Bard and Julia Reess, and they have had one daughter, Louisa Rebecca, who is the wife of Dr. William L. Shindei,

of Sunbury, and has one son, Daniel W. Mrs. Clark belongs to an old family of Philadelphia, and is of Revolutionary stock, being a member of Fort Augusta Chapter, D. A. R.

JOHN N. BUFFINGTON, proprietor of the Uniontown Marble & Granite Works, was born Feb. 1, 1867, at Pillow, Pa., son of Cyrus F. Buffington. The family to which he belongs has been identified with that community for several generations.

Solomon Buffington, his great-grandfather, lived and died in the Lykens Valley, and is buried at St. John's Church there. His wife was Elizabeth Romberger and after her first husband's death she married a Sheaffer, of Snyder county, Pa. Solomon Buffington and his wife had children: Josiah, Benjamin, Solomon, Jonathan, John, Mary (who was twice married, her first husband being named Mark, the second Netzel), Susan (Mrs. Shoop) and Mrs. Burtner.

John Buffington, son of Solomon, was a native of Lykens Valley and in his earlier years moved to Uniontown (Pillow), where he followed the wheelwright business. He is buried at Uniontown, at the United Brethren Church, in the welfare of which he had long been active. To him and his wife, Catharine (France), was born a large family: Cyrus F., Sarah (married John Clinger), William, Hannah (married Solomon Leitzel), Elizabeth (married Isaac Hand), Christiana (married Isaac Graeff), Harriet (married William Drumm), Solomon (of Shamokin, expressman at the depot), Mary, and three who died young.

Cyrus F. Buffington, son of John, is the father of John N. Buffington. He was born Sept. 24, 1839, and has lived at Pillow all his life, following his trade, that of wheelwright. He was a successful man, prospering by dint of industry, and for fifty years he and his brother William were associated in business, making many wagons. They employed three or four hands and had a thriving trade. Both now lead a semi-retired life. Cyrus F. Buffington has been a justice of the peace for thirty years and has held a number of other local offices, having been an active and highly esteemed member of his community. He is identified with the United Brethren Church and one of its foremost members, having held all the church offices, in which he gave most conscientious and efficient service. Mr. Buffington married Caroline Bingaman, daughter of Nicholas Bingaman, and they have had the following children: Rev. Henry, of Coalport, Pa., a prominent minister of the United Brethren Church; Irwin, deceased; John N.; Flora, married to Charles Shettelsworth, of Williamstown; Lloyd, a blacksmith of Uniontown; and Emma, married to Isaac Boyer.

John N. Buffington spent his youth in Pillow (Uniontown), where he lived until eighteen years

old. He then went to Shamokin, in which borough he clerked in stores for twelve years, four years for J. P. Haas & Co., two years for W. H. Malick & Co., and six years for the Shamokin Hardware Company. In January, 1898, he returned to Uniontown and formed a partnership with Ed. D. Bingaman, Bingaman & Buffington taking the business of P. Sauser and continuing it for ten years. Mr. Buffington then purchased the interest of his partner and he is now sole proprietor. He employs four skilled mechanics and does a large business, mostly local. He has erected many monuments in Tower City, and in fact all over lower Northumberland county. His prosperity is well deserved, for it has been won by hard work, and he is respected for his ability and high standards by all with whom he has had dealings. He was a member of the borough council three years.

On Dec. 25, 1899, Mr. Buffington married Lizzie S. Hepler, daughter of William H. and Mary (Dunkelberger) Hepler, of Eldred township, Schuylkill county, the latter a daughter of Jacob Dunkelberger. Mr. and Mrs. Buffington have had two children, Leon Earl and Albert Franklin. The family occupy a large brick residence in Uniontown equipped with all modern conveniences. They are members of the United Brethren Church at Uniontown, and Mr. Buffington has been a regular attendant at services and an active helper in the church work; he has filled all the official positions.

George Buffington, a venerable resident of Pauls Valley, in Dauphin county, Pa., has a sixty-acre farm there which he cultivates, his son William now doing the active work. His wife, Amelia Sponsell, is well along in the seventies, but they are nevertheless active in church life. Mr. Buffington as a member of the United Brethren Church and Mrs. Buffington of the M. E. Church. They have had ten children: George W.; Sarah J., married to Elias Duncan; Laurance, who was killed in the lumber woods in Center county; Alice, who died young; Ellen, married to Gabriel Zimmerman; Adaline; Charles, who died after he was married, aged about twenty-five years, leaving one child; Annie, who married Mr. Anders, and lives in Pauls Valley; John, of Fisher's Ferry, Pa.; and William, who is at home.

George W. Buffington, son of George, is a farmer in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county. He was born in Pauls Valley, Dauphin Co., Pa., in September, 1856, and was reared to farm life. After he grew up he hired out among farmers in Dauphin and Northumberland counties and began farming for himself in Little Mahanoy township in 1884. After farming there one year he did laboring work some years, at Paxinos, and in 1891 came to Lower Augusta township, where he ran the D. H. Snyder & Co. farm for fourteen years on shares. In 1905 he

purchased his present farm, which was the William Spies place, in Lower Augusta. It comprises seventy-six acres of fertile land, and is improved with nice buildings, all substantial and in good repair. He attends markets at Sunbury. Mr. Buffington is a Republican and is a school director of his township at present. He and his family are Lutherans, and he served as deacon while living at Paxinos.

In October, 1878, Mr. Buffington was married, in Little Mahanoy township, to Hannah Reed, daughter of William Reed, of Little Mahanoy, and their family consists of two sons and three daughters: William, of Gratz, Pa.; Frances, of Rockefeller township; Lydia, unmarried, at home; Froena, married to Howard Klock, who lives with his father-in-law; and Mary Ada, at home.

W. T. SHEPPERSON, a business man of the borough of Riverside, Northumberland county, and long a leading figure in the public life of that place, where he is now serving his tenth year as burgess, is a native of England, born in 1859 in Nottinghamshire. He has lived in this country since childhood.

Thomas Shepperson, his grandfather, lived and died in Nottinghamshire, England, where he farmed and kept a tavern. He reached the advanced age of ninety-one years, while his wife lived to be ninety. They were the parents of the following children: William, who came to America about 1848, was a contractor and as such built a part of the Catawissa railroad, now part of the Reading road; he died in Danville, Pa., some years ago. Thomas came to this country with his brother William and later located in Denver, Colo., where he still lives. Andrew lived and died in Nottinghamshire, England, his death occurring in 1908; he possessed considerable property. James also lived in England, where he engaged in farming and kept a tavern. Alfred, who came to America with his brother William, was killed in a landslide which occurred during the construction of the Catawissa railroad. Edward was the father of W. T. Shepperson. There were also two daughters, Anna, who married a Mr. Walker and lived in England; and Mary, who married John Newham, an engineer, and came to America.

Edward Shepperson was born in England in 1830, and his wife, Jane, was born in that country in 1834. They were married in England and came to America in 1865, locating in Danville, Pa., and some years later moved to Riverside. Mrs. Shepperson died in Riverside in 1877. They were the parents of the following children: Two sons died young; Edward Oliver lives in Denver, Colo., whither he went in 1878, and is engaged as a railroad engineer and interested in mining; Annie died in Denver, Colo.; Lucy died in 1900 at Danville, Pa.; Jennie married David Seely, ex-

press agent at Sterling, Ill.; W. T. is a resident of Riverside; Edward was a contractor and worked in Danville, Pa., until 1878, when he went out to Denver, Colo., where he died.

W. T. Shepperson came to America with his parents in 1865, and passed his boyhood in Danville, Pa., being about fifteen years old when the family removed thence to Riverside. His education was received in the public schools, principally at Danville. Going South he located at Middleburg, Ky., where he was general manager for the S. Bailey Lumber Company until his return to Riverside. He has since made his home in that borough, where he has been prominently identified with business and public affairs, having long been engaged as an extensive dealer in lumber, and for some years he also dealt in coal in large quantities, though at present he handles that commodity only as a side line. He handles railroad ties, mine timber, prop timber and bark, and has a wide patronage, having built up a profitable trade in those lines by the exercise of his business acumen and ability, which are recognized by all who have been associated with him. The respect which he commands in his home town could be no better shown than by the fact that he has been called upon to serve so many years continuously as burgess, the present (1910) being his tenth year of service in that capacity. He is a member of the Improved Order of Heptasophs, and for many years has belonged to the Methodist church.

Mr. Shepperson married Cora M. Bent, daughter of Charles and Harriet (Francis) Bent, and sister of W. R. Bent, of Riverside. They had a family of three children: Charles E., who is employed by his father, married Jennie Cutlbert, daughter of Martin Cutlbert, and they have had two children, William T. and Irene; Mabel M. and Cora M. are at home, occupying with their father a beautiful home in the borough of Riverside. Mrs. Shepperson died in 1907.

CHARLES LINCOLN CLEAVER, publisher of the Mount Carmel *Daily News*, first saw the light of day on May 3, 1861, in Locust township, Columbia Co., Pa. He is an admixture of Scotch Irish, English Quaker, Holland Dutch and English, the first two from the paternal side, and the latter two from the maternal, and of nearly two centuries of American growth. He grew up on the farm and received his education in the public schools, the Bloomsburg State Normal school, the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, and the Dickinson Law School at Scranton. On Sept. 1, 1881, he married Mary Jane Perry, a descendant of the Commodore, and came to Mount Carmel in August, 1884. He taught public school for sixteen years, and purchased the *Daily News* in 1899. In politics Mr. Cleaver is a Republican with independent tendencies, having served two years as chairman of

the Republican county committee and one year as chairman of the county committee of the Lincoln party. Fraternally Mr. Cleaver is a member of the P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 231; I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 630; O. of I. A., Council No. 874; Sons of Veterans, Camp No. 34; Royal Arcanum, Council No. 1130; Knights of Malta, Commandery No. 22; Princes of Bagdad, No. 77; Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Cleaver is an aggressive newspaper man, a fluent writer, sometimes with a vitriolic pen, and fearless of any special interests, having a reputation for hewing to the line for what he considers the paramount interests of the community he serves. Under his direction the business interests of his publication house have grown to large proportions, and it appears to be in every way a prosperous organization. Wesley Nelson Cleaver, son of the publisher, is editor and general manager of the publication business.

HARRY E. G. NEY has been a resident of Lower Augusta township for the past forty years, having settled there in 1871. He has followed farming the greater part of that time, and for over a quarter of a century carried on the store and served as postmaster at the settlement locally known as Patrickburg. The postoffice was discontinued in 1899, the store in 1904.

Mr. Ney belongs to an old family whose first ancestor in America, Valentine Ney, lived in the Tulpehocken Valley in Berks county. He died in 1790 in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, and his last will and testament, written in German, is on record in the Berks county courthouse. His wife, Anna Catharine, survived him, and his youngest son, Sylvester "Nye," was the executor of the will, which names four sons: George, Valentine, Jacob and Sylvester. One of these settled in Lebanon county, Pa., and was the father of Adam Ney, from whom Harry E. G. Ney, of Northumberland county, is descended.

Adam Ney had two sons of whom we have record, Adam and Samuel, another son whose name is not recalled, and a daughter, Mary, who became the second wife of David Hummel, of Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa. David Hummel was married three times, his first wife's maiden name being Hess, and his third wife being Polly Haines. To his second marriage were born ten children, one of whom was William N. Hummel, now a resident of Herndon, this county.

Adam Ney, Jr., lived two miles to the left of Palmyra, in Lebanon county, and is buried near Palmyra. By trade he was a shoemaker. His children were: Adam, a shoemaker, who in his earlier life lived on the premises occupied by his father, later moving to Lickdale, Lebanon county, where

he followed farming as well as shoemaking (he had one son and one daughter, William and Annie); and Joseph, who lived and died near Palmyra (he had a son Joseph, who lives at Progress, Dauphin county, near Harrisburg).

Samuel Ney, son of Adam and brother of Adam, Jr., lived for some years at Palmyra, Pa., and then settled in Stony Creek Valley, in Middle Paxton township, Dauphin county, where he died at the age of seventy-seven years. He is buried in the Dauphin cemetery. He was a cooper, and followed his trade, and he owned a ten-acre property on which he had a nice home. This place was later owned by his son William, who eventually sold it and now lives east of Dauphin in the Stony Creek Valley; his postoffice address is Dauphin. Samuel Ney's children were: Joel; Samuel; William; Luzetta, who married Thomas Yautz and lived in Middle Paxton township, later moving to Halifax township, Dauphin county; Lydia, Mrs. Ritter, who moved with her husband to Oregon, where they died; and Caroline, Mrs. Caton, who lived in Middle Paxton township, Mrs. Caton moving to Matamoras after her husband's death. Joel Ney, son of Samuel, was born March 17, 1820, at Palmyra, Pa., and was a boy when he moved to Dauphin county, where he passed the remainder of his long life, dying March 21, 1900. He is buried in Middle Paxton township, Dauphin county, where he had lived on a farm for many years, having the tract of 140 acres now owned by his son-in-law, J. H. Bickel. He was a successful farmer, and also acquired the property later owned by his son Amos. He served the community as tax collector for some years, and in his earlier days was active in the work of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Republican. His wife, Mary (Gayman), daughter of Jacob Gayman, was born May 6, 1821, and died Dec. 24, 1896. She is buried by her husband's side. Four sons and one daughter were born to this couple: Amos (deceased), who lived in Middle Paxton township, where he followed farming; Harry E. G.; John (deceased), who lived on one of the farms of his brother Amos; Catharine, wife of John H. Bickel; and Lewis, who lives at Pennbrook, Pa., near Harrisburg.

Harry E. G. Ney was born Dec. 25, 1848, in Middle Paxton township, Dauphin county, and was reared to farming, working for his parents until he began on his own account. In 1871 he came to Northumberland county, settled in Lower Augusta township, where he married and made a permanent home. From 1871 to 1874 he was employed as a switchman on the Northern Central railroad, at Selinsgrove, and after his marriage, which took place in 1875, he entered upon the mercantile business at Fisher's Ferry, where he was located for three years. In 1877 he opened a store at the country village locally known as Patrickburg (so called after an old-time schoolmaster named Pat-

rick), and he conducted that establishment for twenty-seven years, doing a general mercantile business. He sold out in 1904, and there has been no store at the place since. The postoffice at Patricksburg was established about 1891 and Mr. Ney became postmaster in 1894, serving until the office was discontinued, in 1899. He continues to reside at Patricksburg, owning the tract of sixteen acres upon which his home is located, as well as the seventy-two-acre farm (also in Lower Augusta township) where his son S. Nelson G. Ney lives. The property he occupies has been improved by him, and the frame dwelling now standing there was erected by him in 1877. The place formerly belonged to John Snyder. There are few men in this section of the county better known than Mr. Ney. In his various business connections he became known to a wide circle, and as township treasurer and supervisor he gave most efficient public service, proving himself a capable and trustworthy official. He is a Republican in politics.

In 1875 Mr. Ney married Malinda Coldren, and they have had three children: Mary L. married W. E. Evert and they live at Fisher's Ferry; Ellen C. died in infancy; S. Nelson G., a farmer in Lower Augusta township, married Mary Eister, daughter of Henry Eister, and they have had two children, Harry and Ethel. Mr. Ney and his family attend the Baptist Church.

Solomon Coldren, Mrs. Ney's grandfather, was born Feb. 17, 1779, came to this county from Snyder county, Pa., and died March 31, 1843; he is buried at Fisher's Ferry. He was a farmer, owning the farm now in the possession of Henry Smith. To him and his wife Elizabeth (Minnier) were born the following children: Sarah, Mary, Harriet, Jane, Lydia (who died young), Isaac, John, Jacob, Peter, Samuel, David, and James (1831-1899).

Peter Coldren, son of Solomon, was born Aug. 9, 1821, in Lower Augusta township, and there passed his entire life. He followed agricultural pursuits, owning the farm of eighty-seven acres now owned by Jefferson Lenig, who bought it from Harry E. G. Ney (Mr. Coldren's son-in-law). Mr. Coldren was a Democrat in politics, and served his township as school director. He and his wife were Baptists; their family adhering to the same denomination. Mr. Coldren died Nov. 13, 1898, and is buried in the Baptist cemetery in Lower Augusta township. His wife, Louisa (Feaster), daughter of Henry and Margaret (Cornell) Feaster, was born Nov. 14, 1828, and died May 3, 1909. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Coldren, three of whom died young, the others being: Malinda, wife of Harry E. G. Ney; Silas, of Millersburg, Pa., who has been a track foreman on the railroad for twenty-four years; Ellen, wife of C. F. Dyer, of Shamokin; W. M., a miller, of Catasqua, Pa.; E. Y. B., of Millersburg, who is

associated with his son in the mercantile business there; J. C., a carpenter, of Shamokin; and C. D., a machinist, of Philadelphia.

HENRY A. CARL, who has a fine farm one and a half miles south of Herndon, Northumberland county, was born March 23, 1850, at Mandata, this county, son of John and Julian (Klinger) Carl.

The Carl (Corl) family is first found in Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., Theobald Carl, a pioneer of that township, being the first ancestor of this family in America. He died in 1800, and his will, written in German, is on record in Will Book A, page 422, in the Berks county courthouse. The document mentions his mother and provides for her, and he also makes good provision for his wife, Anna Maria. He had a deceased daughter, Elizabeth, and his son George Carl and Samuel Butz were executors of the will, which disposed of a large estate.

The Federal Census Report of 1790 gives George Carl as the head of a family in Longswamp township, Berks county, consisting of a wife, three sons under sixteen years of age, and two daughters.

The same Report records Dewalt Carl as a resident of the same township and the head of a family consisting of two sons over sixteen, a wife and three daughters. As Dewalt was used as the English form of Theobald this may refer to the ancestor's family.

The will of a John Carl, who died in Pike township, Berks county, in 1837, was made April 9, 1836, and mentions the wife Hannah but no children.

Johan Jacob Carl, grandfather of Henry A. Carl, was born April 21, 1796, and was a descendant of one of the two heads of families mentioned above. He came from Longswamp township, Berks county, to Northumberland county early in the nineteenth century, settling in Mahanoy township, and lived on the farm now owned by Galen Bower (one George Wolf owned it earlier). He was a farmer by occupation, and is described as a slim, medium-sized man, with light hair. He died in May, 1862, aged sixty-six years, ten days, and is buried at Urban Church. His wife's maiden name was Schaffer, and their children were John, William and several daughters.

John Carl, father of Henry A. Carl, was born Feb. 18, 1818, and died July 21, 1854; he was a member of the Mahanoy Church, where he is buried. For some years he kept store at Mandata, later keeping a store where Daniel Peiffer is now located, and there he died. His wife Julian (Klinger) bore him three sons, William, John and Henry A. After his death she married Jacob Freymoyer and moved with him out to Iowa, where he died at the age of eighty-one years. She died March 19, 1904. She was the mother of four

children by her second marriage, Jane, James, Alice, and one daughter that died young.

Henry A. Carl began working at an early age, finding his first employment at what was known as the Albert sawmill, on Fidler's run, in Jackson township, and there he was engaged for the long period of thirty-six years. After Christopher Albert gave up the mill he worked under Mr. Brower and later with Mr. Rickert, and during this time he made his home in Lower Mahanoy township with the exception of two and a half years during which the family resided at Herndon. About 1873 he built a house in Lower Mahanoy township which he occupied until the spring of 1896, at which time he commenced farming in the same township, on the place where he has since had his home. It is a tract of 164 acres one and one half miles south of Herndon, formerly the property of Sebastian Stepp. The land is in a good state of cultivation, and the buildings are substantial. Mr. Carl has been industrious and thrifty, and he is making a good living. He is a Democrat, has held local office, and is a member of the Lutheran congregation of the Herndon Church, with which his family also unite.

On May 29, 1870, Mr. Carl married Rebecca Kobel, daughter of George and Catharine (Snyder) Kobel, of Pitman, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they have had a family of thirteen children: William G. E., who is now in Iowa; J. Calvin, of Carrizozo, N. M.; Charles H., of Illinois; Minnie M., who married Harry Kramer; Katie A., who married George Hoover; Monroe, who died in infancy; John W., Clarence E. and Quincy J., all of Stillwater, N. Y.; Clyde A. and James F., at home; Mary F. R., who is married to Howard Lenker, son of Adam Lenker; and Violet, who died in infancy.

The Kobel family, to which Mrs. Carl belongs, is one of the earliest settled families of Lower Northumberland county, the tax list of Mahanoy township for 1778 containing the names of Abraham, Casper, Henry and Daniel Kobel, whose relationship is uncertain. Their descendants still live in Jackson, Washington and Little Mahanoy townships. They were members of the Reformed Church, and a number of the name are buried at St. Peter's (Mahanoy) Church, in Jackson township.

Frederick, Simon and Peter Kobel were brothers, and the first named was the grandfather of Mrs. Henry A. Carl.

Frederick Kobel, born June 8, 1761, lived and died in Jackson township, where he was a farmer and land owner. His wife, Sostern (the name is not really legible on the tombstone), was born April 9, 1765, and died Dec. 14, 1848. He died May 11, 1834 (age given as seventy-two), and they are buried at St. Peter's Church before mentioned. Among their children were: Mary Taylor,

William, Rebecca Snyder, Catharine Miller, George and Henry.

George Kobel, son of Frederick, married Catharine Snyder, and they lived at Pitman, Schuylkill county, where they were farming people. They are buried at the Haas Church, at Hepler, that county. Their children were: Elias, Isaac, Frank, Sarah, Rebecca (Mrs. Carl) and Harriet.

Simon Kobel, brother of Frederick, was born in the territory now embraced in Washington township, Northumberland county, the farm where he was born, and which belonged to his father, being still pointed out as the old Kobel homestead. It is now owned by Samuel Kieffer. The place comprises 100 acres, originally taken up by a member of the Kobel family in pioneer days. Simon Kobel followed farming. His wife, Sarah (Sally) Engel, daughter of Felix Engel, was like himself a member of the Reformed congregation at St. Peter's Church. They had children as follows: John, who settled in Jefferson county, Pa.; Daniel and Joseph, mentioned later; Lena, who married Adam Drumheller; Polly, who married John Lebo; and Elizabeth, who married Henry Latsha.

Daniel Kobel, son of Simon, was born in 1829, and was a lifelong farmer. Until 1887 he lived near the homestead, his son Elias succeeding him to its ownership in that year. He died in September, 1903, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, of which he was a Reformed member. Politically he was a Democrat. To him and his wife Elizabeth (Kerstetter, who was born Jan. 11, 1838, were born four children: Louisa, who married John Daniel; Abby, who died young; Cassie, who married Samuel Reed; and Elias K.

Elias K. Kobel, son of Daniel, was born in 1865 in Washington township, and in 1904 commenced farming for himself in that township, where he lived until 1910. In the fall of 1901 he sold his farm of eighty acres, which was formerly the Samuel Malick farm; a large stone house was built on the place in 1818. He married Sarah C. Hoffman, and they have had eight children, five of whom died young: A daughter that died in infancy, Charles, Harvey, Eva May, Carrie E., Frederick, a son that died in infancy, and William B.

Joseph Kobel, son of Simon, was born June 13, 1837 (or 1838), and died March 19, 1889. He was a prosperous farmer and miller, owning 240 acres of land, and for nine years operated the Dornsife mill, his son Henry W. succeeding him in the milling business after his death. In politics he was a Democrat, served as tax collector, and was an active member of the Reformed congregation of St. Peter's Church, which he served as deacon and elder. His wife Wilhelmina (Eister), born Oct. 2, 1834, died Nov. 15, 1903. They had five children: Sarah married Oliver Buchner; James R. is a resident of Washington township; John died when

eighteen years old: Edwin S. is of Mahanoy; Henry W., born in Washington township Aug. 25, 1867, is a farmer, owning 113 acres of land, and has been a deacon and an elder of Himmel's Church (in 1889 he married Lovina Treon, and they have had two children, Jennie and Samuel, the latter dying when three years old).

JOHN SCHABO, a former treasurer of Northumberland county, who was living retired at Shamokin, that county, at the time of his death, Sept. 16, 1910, was born in Gerinany March 26, 1841, at Föhren, in Trier, son of John Schabo and his first wife, who in maidenhood was Eva Ott.

John Schabo, the father, was a farmer in Germany. He came to America in 1853, permanently locating in Carbon county, Pa., where he purchased a farm, cultivating his lands until the time of his death, in the year 1868. He was honorable and successful; he made friends and kept them. He was twice married, his first union being with Eva Ott, who died in Germany, the mother of two children, Annie and John. His second wife was Annie Karies, and they were also married in Germany, but their children were all born in Carbon county, Pa., viz.: Peter and Paul, both deceased; Maggie, wife of Amandus S. Markle, of Shamokin, Pa.; and Katie, wife of Jonas Gerber, of Weatherly, Pennsylvania.

John Schabo, first named in this narrative, when but a lad engaged as a boatman on the Lehigh canal, and this kind of work he pursued, in all the various capacities, until he was thirty years of age. In 1871 he located at Weissport, Carbon Co., Pa., and engaged in the hotel business, and to this he gave his attention until 1875, when he went to Shamokin, Pa., and established the "Shamokin Hotel," which he successfully conducted until 1907. He then retired from business life and took possession of his pleasant home at No. 226 Walnut street, erected by him in 1890. The homestead farm, the farm of his father, comprising sixty-five acres situated in Towamensing township, Carbon Co., Pa., and about six miles from Weissport, became his property.

In politics a Democrat, Mr. Schabo was in 1884 elected to the borough council; was chief of the fire department from 1883 to 1889; and in 1890 was elected county treasurer for a term of three years. The campaign of 1890 was a memorable one, and though the contestants seemed equally reputable and well known Mr. Schabo was elected over his adversary by a majority of 429 votes.

In the year 1883 Mr. Schabo was made a director of the First National Bank of Shamokin, now the National Bank of Shamokin, and continued to be a member of the board during the rest of his life; he was also a director of the Shamokin Building and Loan Association; the Shamokin Street Railway Company; and served as treasurer

of the Shamokin Driving Park Association. Externally he was a member of Elks Lodge No. 355.

Mr. Schabo was married Feb. 12, 1862, to Eva Schweibenz (a daughter of Alyons Schweibenz), born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Feb. 14, 1838. They had two children: John W. (who married Emma Armbuster, and has had two children, John Edward, who married May Hower, and Harry, deceased) and Annie E., the latter a young lady at home. His creed was that of the Roman Catholic Church, to which his family also adhere, and they worship at the St. Edward's shrine.

C. EDWARD ALLISON, M. D., of Elysburg, Northumberland county, has been practicing medicine at that place for over ten years, and has a large patronage, having been successful from the time of his settlement in this district. He is a native of Adams county, Pa., born May 17, 1871, at Gettysburg. The family is of Scotch-Irish extraction, James Allison, the first of this line to come to America, having emigrated from Ireland or Scotland. It is not known where he settled, but his son Francis lived in Frederick county, Md., about five miles east of Emmitsburg. Thence he moved to Adams county, Pa. His wife, Ruth Thompson, was also of Scotch-Irish descent.

Francis Allison, son of Francis, was born in June, 1794, in Adams county, Pa., and there lived and died. All his family were born and reared there. He became a landowner and farmer in Mount Joy township, Adams Co., Pa., near the Mason and Dixon line. He married Hannah Mieksell, who was born near Emmitsburg, Md., and was of German descent; her mother's maiden name was Catharine Rudolph. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Allison are buried in the Mount Joy Lutheran churchyard. Their children were: Jonathan L., of Taneytown, Md.; Samuel M.; Mary A., who married Amos Yeatts, and died in Carlisle, Pa.; Sarah, who married William Lightner; Catherine, who married Samuel D. Reck; and Martha, who died when twenty years old.

Samuel M. Allison, son of Francis, was born in Mount Joy township, Adams county, and followed agricultural pursuits for a number of years, living first upon the homestead and later buying a farm near Gettysburg which he occupied for some time. He now lives in the town of Gettysburg. He married Anna M. Schwartz, daughter of Jacob Schwartz, and they had the following children: C. Edward; Herbert A., who is a professor at Susquehanna College, Selinsgrove, Pa.; and Cordelia.

C. Edward Allison received his literary education in the public schools and at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, graduating from that institution in 1893, with the degree of A. B. Following his college course he spent some time in Kansas and Oklahoma, and upon his return from the West

was engaged in teaching for one year. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, later continuing his medical studies at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1899. His first year of independent practice was spent at Jeddo, Luzerne Co., Pa., after which he was at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, a short time before locating at Elysburg, in September, 1900. There he succeeded to the practice of the late Dr. Samuel F. Gilbert, who died in August, 1900, and who was a prominent physician there for twenty-five years. Dr. Allison has been popular at Elysburg throughout the period of his residence there, and though a busy man professionally he has endeavored to be a useful member of the community in other ways. He is serving as road supervisor of Ralpho township at the present time.

Dr. Allison is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M. (of which he is a past master), and to Bloomsburg Consistory (thirty-second degree). He also holds membership in the I. O. O. F., and in professional connection is a member of the Northumberland County Medical Society, etc. He is a Republican in political sentiment. His ancestors have been Lutherans and Presbyterians as far back as they have been traced.

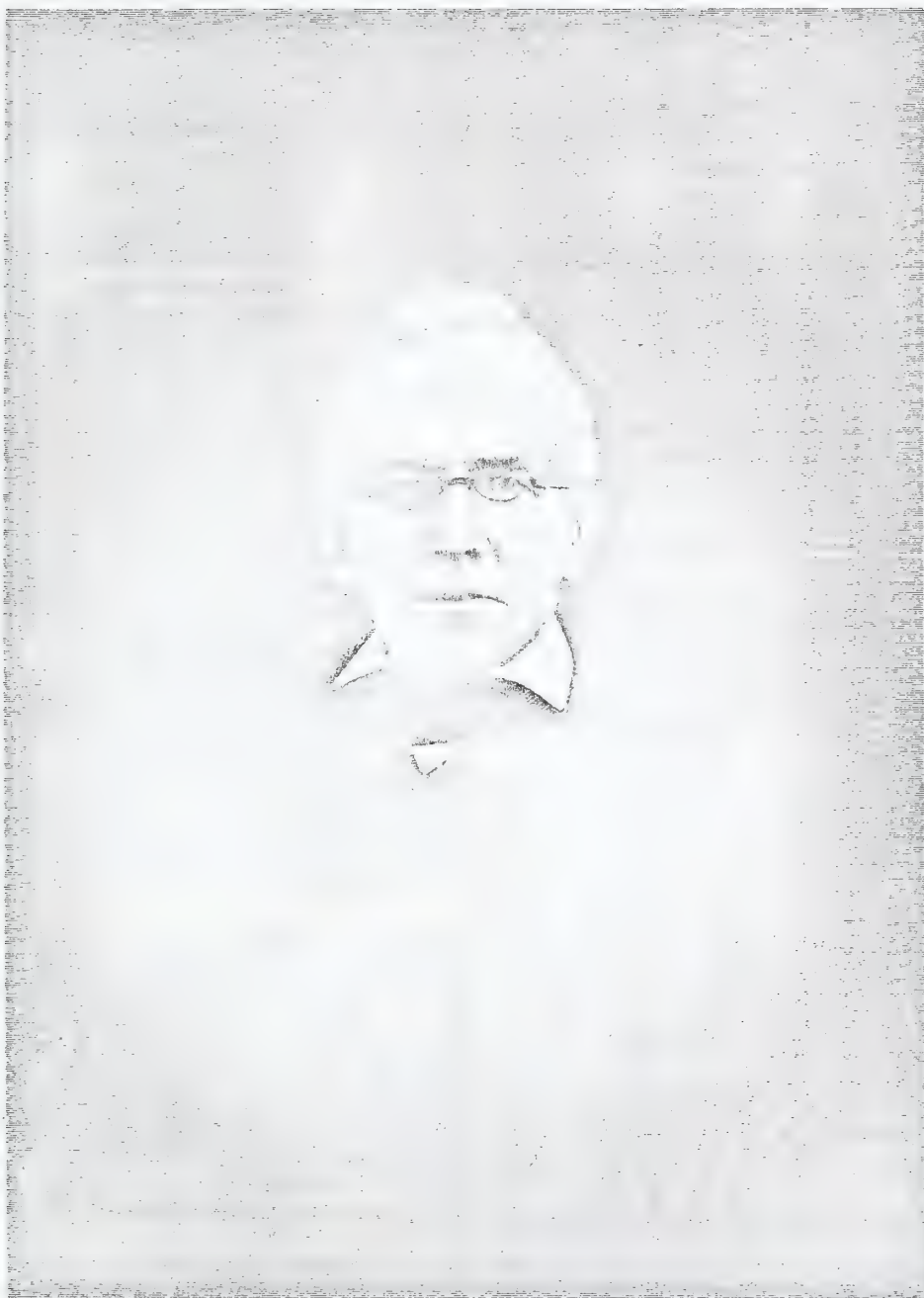
On Sept. 5, 1907, Dr. Allison married Amy E. Gilbert, daughter of the late Dr. Samuel F. Gilbert.

JOHN G. YOUNGMAN. The Youngmans have been identified with Sunbury for almost a century, and throughout that period have been noted for intellectual activity. Their leadership in such matters was acknowledged during their long connection with the newspaper circles of this section, with which they were prominently associated continuously for over seventy years. They are descendants of a Moravian family that emigrated from Lusatia, Prussia, in 1740, settling at Bethlehem, Pa. John G. Youngman, the first of the Youngman name in Sunbury, was born Jan. 6, 1786, near Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa., son of Jacob Youngman, a blacksmith and farmer, and son of Rev. John George Youngman, a Moravian missionary to the Indians, who died at Bethlehem in 1808, at the age of eighty-eight.

When he was eight years old John G. Youngman was adopted by his uncle, Gottlieb Youngman, a veteran of the Revolutionary war, who established the first German newspaper in Berks county, this State. It was called *The Impartial Reading Newspaper*, and was first issued Feb. 18, 1789, being published until 1816. Gottlieb Youngman died June 10, 1833, at Louisville, Ky., when seventy-six years old. His nephew had acquired a thorough knowledge of the printing business under his tuition, so that he was versed in the mechanical

as well as the business and intellectual features of newspaper work, and he always took great delight in typesetting, at which he worked in the composing room of the *Sunbury Gazette* until within a few months of his death. In 1802, having had a misunderstanding with his uncle, Mr. Youngman left him and walked to Somerset county, where he found employment at his trade with a Mr. Ogle. Four years later he took a position on the *Hornet*, at Frederick, Md., and in 1807 he was connected with the *Times*, one of the first daily papers of Baltimore. Thence he went to Hagerstown, Md., where he found work with John Gruber, the well known almanac publisher. Returning to Reading in 1812, he obtained the necessary equipment from his uncle and came to Sunbury to establish *Der Northumberland Republikaner*, a German paper, which was the third paper published at Sunbury. The first number appeared Aug. 12, 1812, and as shown by the files in existence, from Aug. 11, 1815, to January, 1818, was a three-column folio, fourteen inches long and nine inches wide, creditable in typography and composition. In 1818 the name was changed to *Nordwestliche Post*, which supported Findlay in the gubernatorial contest of 1820 and thus lost its large number of German subscribers, who were almost unanimously in favor of Hiester. It was really as a result of this disaffection that Mr. Youngman suspended the paper, though he continued it until after July, 1827. For several years thereafter he gave his attention to the printing of books and pamphlets.

It was not long, however, until Mr. Youngman resumed newspaper work as publisher of the *Canalboat*, which was established with the idea of promoting local enterprises of a public nature, at the height of the popular agitation in favor of internal improvements then in progress. The issue of March 5, 1831, shows it to have been a folio fifteen and a half inches long and eleven inches wide, a canalboat on the headline of the first page. The paper was issued under this name until 1833. Its immediate successor was *The Workingmen's Advocate*, a four-column folio eleven by sixteen inches in dimensions, the first English newspaper published by Mr. Youngman. The first issue appeared April 29, 1833, and in it the editor announced that it would be Democratic in politics, reserving to himself, however, the right of differing from party conventions as to what platforms or candidates were really Democratic, should occasion require. It was a successful publication throughout its existence (which ended in 1838), a fact which is notable, as several rival papers at Sunbury and Northumberland suspended during that period. In 1838 Mr. Youngman established the *Sunbury Gazette*, under the imposing title of *The Sunbury Gazette and Miners' Register*, and the issue of Jan. 7, 1843, when it still bore that



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name, was a five-column folio twenty-one and a half by thirteen inches.

When Mr. Youngman established the *Republican*, in 1812, he did business in a small frame building on the north side of Market street, at what was later the site of Rippel's photograph gallery. When he purchased the property at Third and Arch streets he removed the printing office to a frame structure adjoining his residence and facing on Arch street. It was next located in a wooden building on what was subsequently the site of the Dewart block, at Market and Third streets, being there from 1847 to 1850, when it was moved to the north side of Market street, nearly opposite the "City Hotel." There the *Gazette* was published at the time of its suspension, in 1883, though it had occupied several different places in the meantime, the principal one being the second story of the Geyer block, at the northeast corner of Market square, to which it was removed in 1868.

Mr. Youngman was not only actively connected with the press in Sunbury for over fifty years, but he also took a leading part in public affairs in Northumberland county, holding several responsible offices. In 1814 he served as county treasurer, in 1818-21 as county commissioner; and on Feb. 5, 1839, he received his commission as register and recorder, being elected to succeed himself in the fall of that year; he was thus the last person elected and the first one appointed to that office in Northumberland county. He died Sept. 13, 1871, at the age of eighty-five years.

On Aug. 1, 1813, Mr. Youngman married Catherine Bright, daughter of George Bright, of Sunbury, and step-daughter of Hon. Andrew Albright, and they were the parents of George B., William, Louisa Hester, Andrew A., Jacob, Susan E. and John.

GEORGE B. YOUNGMAN learned the printing business with his father and it was principally through his efforts that the *Gazette* was founded, he having been the junior member of the firm of John G. Youngman & Son from 1838 until 1855. Upon his retirement from the paper he devoted himself to fruit and grape culture on a farm several miles east of Sunbury, continuing this business successfully until his death, April 9, 1880, at the age of sixty-six years. He served as treasurer of Northumberland county in 1850-51.

After George B. Youngman's retirement from the *Gazette* he was succeeded by his brother, A. A. Youngman, upon whom much of the responsibility in connection with the paper devolved. The style of the firm then became A. A. & John Youngman, the latter being another son of the founder, and they carried on the *Gazette* until it was consolidated with the *American*, on April 11, 1879, as the *Gazette-American*. A year later, however, the publication of the *Gazette*, alone, was resumed by A. A.

& John Youngman and continued for a few years, the last issue appearing March 16, 1883. This number gave a review of the political policy of the paper, in which it is stated that the *Gazette* was one of the four Democratic organs in Pennsylvania that came "out boldly in favor of the national administration as against the Rebel cause" in 1861, yet although it was constrained "to protest against certain tendencies and methods in the management of the Republican party" on several occasions, it could not be said "that the *Gazette* ever went back on the principles of that great political organization."

ANDREW A. YOUNGMAN, after closing his newspaper career, continued to reside in the old home at Third and Arch streets, Sunbury, until his death, which occurred on Dec. 2, 1905, at the age of eighty-four. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, having been of a studious disposition, making himself well versed in various branches of knowledge; but being of a retiring nature the extent of his information was known and appreciated only by those who came into intimate intercourse with him. During the years after his retirement from the printing business he was a constant reader, giving his attention largely to scientific subjects, of which meteorology was his favorite. The result of his reflections and observations on that subject is contained in a large manuscript volume which would furnish material for a printed book of ample dimensions.

JOHN YOUNGMAN, the youngest child of John G. Youngman, and the last editor of the *Gazette*, received most of his education in his father's printing office, where he learned to "set type" and made his first efforts in writing. With the object of changing his business he read law with Hon. John B. Packer and was admitted to the Northumberland county bar at the August term in 1851, but soon discovering that he was better adapted for newspaper work than law practice he dropped the latter and took charge of the *Gazette* as its editor in 1855. In this capacity he continued until the publication of that paper ceased in 1883, when he left Sunbury to engage in journalism in other localities. He did editorial work on the *Harrisburg Patriot* for two years, was engaged for five years as editorial writer for P. Gray Meek's *Bellefonte Watchman*, and then going to Philadelphia found employment on the *Times* and *Record* and was editor of the *Evening Herald* for four years. Having been in Philadelphia journalism for fourteen years he returned to Sunbury in 1904 at the age of seventy-four, and again did some newspaper work in his native town.

WILLIAM YOUNGMAN, the second son of John G. Youngman, learned the cabinetmaking business and was noted for his skill in that handicraft. He carried this on for some years in Sunbury, but at the close of his life he was employed in the Sun-

bury shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., doing the finer woodwork needed in that establishment. He was well skilled in music and in his younger years was at the head of musical movements in his neighborhood, he having been the organizer and leader of the first instrumental band in Sunbury, and he was for a long while the leader of Sunbury's Episcopal Church choir. He was married to Henrietta, and after her demise to Susan, who were daughters of Dr. John B. Price, of Sunbury, a noted physician of that period who, besides having a thorough medical education, was a graduate of Princeton University. By his two marriages William Youngman had a numerous progeny.

LOUISA HESTER YOUNGMAN, the first daughter of John G. Youngman, was noted for her beauty as a young woman and for her excellent traits of womanly character, among which her charitable disposition, and the assistance she gave to the needy and suffering, were conspicuous. Her voice was such that if it had received more cultivation it would have made her a star singer. It was the delight of those who heard her in the choir at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Sunbury, in which she was the leading soprano for a number of years; she was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church. She died unmarried in 1892.

JACOB YOUNGMAN, the fourth son of John G. Youngman, learned typesetting in his father's printing office, where he became proficient in the various branches of the printer's art. After "graduating" in that school he did journal work in Pottsville, Washington and Philadelphia, eventually returning to Sunbury, where he continued to work at printing and also engaged in other business. Application to one pursuit was all that was necessary to have made him a decided success, as he was an expert printer and a ready writer, particularly in a humorous vein, some of his productions in that line having been much admired, and he was noted as a comic versifier. He branched off from printing to engage in the foundry business, an enterprise that was entirely out of his line, and consequently was not successful; and he devised a number of ingenious inventions, some of which were patented but never pushed to profitable results. His last years were spent in working in the different Sunbury printing offices. He died in 1892, at the age of sixty-eight years.

SUSAN ELIZABETH YOUNGMAN, the second daughter of John G. Youngman, was born Jan. 20, 1828, in the old homestead at the southwest corner of Third and Arch streets, Sunbury, where she and her brother John reside, together with their niece, Miss Carrie V. Youngman. Though in her eighty-fourth year she is well preserved, as active intellectually as ever, takes great enjoyment in reading, and has been a lifelong and much interested member of the Episcopal Church, liber-

ally contributing to its support. Her first marriage was with Francis Bright, of Reading, Pa., who engaged largely and successfully in the hardware and foundry business in Tamaqua and Hazleton. He died at the latter place Aug. 28, 1865, and his remains are interred in Pomfret Manor cemetery. Her second marriage, which took place in 1881, was to Bruce Small, who was a native of Baltimore, Md., and a son of Hon. Jacob Small, a man of public note and prominence, who served at one time as mayor of Baltimore. The Smalls have long occupied a prominent position in public and social circles. The family of this name in York county, Pa., is of the same stock. Bruce Small was born in 1834, and received his literary training in various educational institutions. During the Civil war he served in the United States navy on the frigate "Potomac" and was very active. While in the service he was a comrade of Winfield Scott Schley (now rear admiral), with whom he was long on terms of personal friendship. After the war Mr. Small was for many years in the Government employ at Washington, D. C., subsequently coming to Sunbury. He died March 18, 1890, at his Sunbury residence, and rests in the family vault in St. Paul's cemetery, Baltimore.

Only three of John G. Youngman's seven children married, they being William, Susan and John, and but one of them, William, produced a progeny as future representatives of Sunbury's first printer. The children of William and his first wife, Henrietta Price, were: John P., William Edgar, Christianna Guild and Henrietta Rose, besides several who died in infancy. His children by his second marriage, to Mrs. Susan (Price) Sutton, were: Mary Isabella and Caroline Vandergrift. John, the eldest son, now deceased, became a resident of Hazleton, married Ann Bird, of that town, and was the father of two sons, one of whom died at an early age, the survivor being John Price Bird Youngman, a prominent civil and mining engineer of that region, who is the father of an interesting family. Christianna Guild, the eldest daughter of William, is the wife of Rufus Reber, who is prominent in the clerical department of the Reading Railroad Company in Philadelphia, and she is the mother of Mrs. Andrew Chidsey, wife of a leading Easton banker, and of Frank Reber of Philadelphia and Guy Reber of Savannah, Ga. William Edgar, the second son of William, who also became a resident of Hazleton, married Julia Shapley, of that place, and was the father of Barton Edgar Youngman, who is city engineer and conspicuous in the municipal affairs of Hazleton; he also has a fine family. Henrietta Rose, the youngest daughter of William by his first wife, married Clarence Hawthorne, and is the mother of an interesting daughter, Frances, this family being residents of Sunbury, where Mr.

Hawthorne is connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Of William Youngman's two children by his second marriage, Mary Isabella is the wife of William Coleman, a progressive and prosperous Kansas granger, and is the mother of an accomplished daughter and a stalwart son; and Caroline Vandergrift, familiarly known in Sunbury as Miss Carrie Youngman, resides with her aunt, Mrs. Small, in the old Youngman homestead, and takes a leading part in the literary and church work of Sunbury.

Great changes have taken place in Sunbury since John G. Youngman, at the beginning of the last century, began journalism in the town. There has been a great increase in its population, its business and its importance. Other newspapers have taken the place of those established by the elder Youngman, and of his descendants but few are residents of the town, but the progeny of Sunbury's veteran printer may be found in many parts of this nation's broad domain.

THEODORE CHESTER, now a retired resident of Sunbury, is a well known man in that borough, where he was engaged in the hotel business for a number of years, having formerly conducted the "St. Charles Hotel," which his sons now own. He was born Sept. 27, 1844, in Barry township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., only son of John Chester, who lived at Danville, Pa., where he was the first maker of cast iron plows. His plows were used extensively all over Pennsylvania. He went West about 1851. John Chester married Matilda Yarnall, who came from Schuylkill county, Pa., and was a member of a Quaker family which was earlier settled in Maiden-creek township, Berks county. Mrs. Chester is interred in a private burial ground on the homestead. Her father, Elijah Yarnall, lived in Schuylkill county.

Theodore Chester was brought up by his maternal grandfather, Elijah Yarnall, attended the public schools of the home neighborhood in Schuylkill county, and later went to school at Rushtown and in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, in the neighborhood now known as Plum Creek. In his eighteenth year he began clerking in a general store in what is now Rockefeller township, and drove a produce wagon to market in Schuylkill county, during the "reign of terror" of the Molly Maguires. He and Nathan Baker were in the butter and egg business for three years at Lewisburg, Pa. He also learned the trade of watchmaker, which he followed for fifteen years at Northumberland, this county, also traveling considerably in the rural districts all over Union county and in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, repairing grandfather clocks, in which line he was quite expert. He was a natural-born mechanic, and has always had a liking as well as talent for such work, even to this day occasionally repairing

timepieces for the pleasure the work affords. For twelve years he conducted the "St. Charles Hotel" in Sunbury, being succeeded in the ownership of that establishment by his sons Herbert C. and Nathan W. Chester, who now conduct it. Though now retired, Mr. Chester still retains some business interests, having large real estate holdings in Sunbury, and investments in certain patented automobile tires. He is a substantial citizen, and has lived to enjoy the rewards of his more active years.

On June 4, 1864, Mr. Chester married Louise Wolf, daughter of Abraham Wolf, and to them have been born nine children: Herbert C., Emma A. (deceased), Wilson, Nathan Wellington, Samuel (deceased), Asburry, Bessie (Mrs. Herbert A. Welker), Jennie (Mrs. Jacob Bright) and Annie (unmarried). There are sixteen grandchildren. The family have occupied their pleasant home at the corner of Tenth and Market streets, Sunbury, since 1902. They are members of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Chester is a Republican in political matters, but he has never taken any part in public affairs and has always refused to hold public position. He is a popular member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M.; Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.—all of Sunbury; and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He is treasurer of the blue lodge and chapter, a past eminent commander and past high priest, and has been active in the fraternity for many years.

During the Civil war Mr. Chester enlisted, in 1862, in Company C, 136th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for nine months, and took part in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville.

The Yarnall (Yarnell) family, to which Mr. Chester is related on the maternal side, is of old English Quaker stock, Francis and Peter Yarnall having come from their native land with the Hugheses, Boones, Penroses, Kirbys and Lightfoots, and settled in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa. They were of the fifty or more families who had been left out when the township was erected. The people to the "south part of Oley" therefore petitioned the court of Philadelphia, in 1741, to erect that part into a township. The petition was granted. Among the sixteen signers to this petition were Francis and Peter Yarnell.

In Northumberland county a member of this same family, Richard Yarnall, was the second settler at Mount Carmel. His father, Jesse Yarnall, kept a hotel on the old Minersville road, at the crossing of Mahanoy creek, near Otto's forge, Schuylkill county, about four miles south of Mount Carmel. An Indian path which led from the vicinity of Roaring Creek township, Columbia county,

to his hotel is referred to in the early official records of Northumberland county as "Yarnall's path." He married Hannah Penrose, of Roaring Creek township, whose people, like his, came from Maiden-creek township, Berks county, and were Friends.

Richard Yarnall was born April 10, 1791, and died Oct. 14, 1847. He learned the trade of carpenter and millwright. About the time he reached manhood the Centre turnpike was constructed, resulting in a large increase in the travel between Danville and Sunbury on the north and Reading and Pottsville on the south. A favorable opportunity was presented for the erection of a hotel on this important thoroughfare at the present site of Mount Carmel, which is about equidistant from Danville and Pottsville, and, prompted by these considerations, Mr. Yarnall erected the "Mount Carmel Inn," a two-story log structure situated on the southeast side of the turnpike immediately northeast of the "Commercial Hotel." He opened a hotel there and conducted the business with fair success for several years, when, having become surety for a friend who failed to meet his obligations, the property was sold and he removed to the vicinity of Bear Gap, where he was variously employed for several years. He then located on a small cleared tract near the old Minersville road, and also resided at the Tomlinson farm, after which he engaged in hotel-keeping at the Riffert tavern, where he died. The Riffert tavern was a log structure standing on the east side of the turnpike, north of the Lehigh Valley depot. It is not known who erected it, and under the management of its early owners it bore a bad reputation, but with Mr. Yarnall as proprietor it received the confidence and patronage of the traveling public. He married Mary King, daughter of John King, of Ralpho township, and we have record of two of their sons, Jesse and John, both of whom lived at Mount Carmel. The former was born July 7, 1815, near Bear Gap.

John Yarnall, son of Richard, was born Feb. 15, 1828, at the Tomlinson farm, in Coal township, Northumberland county, and learned the carpenter's trade with his father, working at that occupation for some years. In 1859 he married Henrietta Mussina, daughter of Henry B. and Elizabeth (Winters) Mussina, of Center county, Pa., and they became the parents of eight children: Mrs. William H. Hinkel, Henry M., Newton L., Richard K., Jerusha M. (deceased), John W., William and Lizzie.

Richard K. Yarnall was born Feb. 6, 1865, at Mount Carmel, received a public school education there and learned the trade of painter and paper-hanger. After working as a journeyman five years he commenced business for himself at Mount Carmel, on March 1, 1889, and made a success of the

venture. He is a Republican in politics, and has served as constable of Mount Carmel.

Of another branch of this Yarnall family was Francis Yarnall, who had brothers Amos, Jonathan, Asa, John and Elijah. Francis Yarnall was a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., and lived in Barry township, that county, where he was not only a farmer but also one of the early merchants of the region, and conducted a sawmill. His home was near what was then the line between Northumberland and Berks counties. He was a man of affairs, of more than ordinary intelligence and usefulness, and quite prominent in his day, and lived to an advanced age, dying in 1869. He is interred in a private graveyard on the public road leading from Ashland to Gowen City. His wife died long before he did. Among their children were: Joseph; Isaac, who lived at Ashland, Pa.; William, who had a son William; and Lydia A. and Anna, who never married and remained on the homestead farm, near Taylorsville, Schuylkill county, conducting the sawmill, etc. Miss Lydia A. Yarnall gave much of the information contained in this article.

Joseph Yarnall, son of Francis, was born April 9, 1825, in the section of Schuylkill county where his father lived and died Feb. 24, 1888, in Sunbury, where he is buried, in the old south cemetery on Fourth street. He was a natural mechanic, a skillful woodworker and engineer, a sawmill worker and expert saw filer, and was in the employ of Ira T. Clement, of Sunbury, for some thirty years. Politically he was a Republican and popular locally, being elected to various offices in his district. He was active in the organization of the fire department, and helped to purchase the first engine, in 1870. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Yarnall married Mary A. (Christian), widow of Benjamin Starner, and to them were born six children, of whom five are mentioned: William H., who died in infancy; Gaynor, who died young; Horace, who died young; Charles E., of Sunbury; and John G. The mother was born July 30, 1821, and died in June, 1897.

JOHN G. YARNALL was born Nov. 24, 1860, at Sunbury, where he has passed all his life, being now one of the prosperous business men of that borough. He received his education in the local public schools, graduating from the high school in the spring of 1877, and in 1879 entered the employ of Ira T. Clement, as clerk in the office, remaining with him until Jan. 1, 1895, and becoming a valuable employee. He has since been in business for himself. He began as a partner of T. H. Paul, in association with whom he purchased, at the time mentioned, the goodwill, stock and fixtures of C. G. Heckert, whose business was then located at No. 446 Market street, Sunbury.

being the leading furniture house of the place. The firm of Yarnall & Paul lasted four years, when, in 1899, Mr. Yarnall became sole owner, and he has since continued the business alone. In October, 1900, he located at his present place, No. 33½ Market street, which building he purchased the previous August. It has a frontage of 39 feet, on Market street, and the building has a depth of 160 feet, the lot, however, being 230 feet deep. Mr. Yarnall carries a large line of furniture, rugs, etc., and enjoys an extensive trade, which he has attained and held by the most honorable methods and satisfactory goods, for which his establishment is noted.

Mr. Yarnall married Harriet D. Haas, daughter of Henry Haas, of Mahanoy City, Pa., and his first wife, whose maiden name was Smith. George Haas, Mrs. Yarnall's grandfather, lived in the Swatara Creek Valley in Dauphin county. Mr. and Mrs. Yarnall have had five children: Mary Ann died in infancy; Joseph H., electrical engineer, who has been engaged as assistant engineer of the elevated railroad of Boston, Mass., since June, 1910, is a graduate of State College and an ambitious young man; Ira T., also a graduate of State College, is now in the government employ as a forester, in New Mexico; Sarah O. is a stenographer; John W. is assisting his father in business.

Mr. Yarnall is a Republican in politics, and in 1884 he was a member of the borough council, where he proved an aggressive worker. He is a prominent member and one of the trustees of Sunbury Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, and fraternally holds membership in the I. O. O. F. and Encampment, old Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., and the Royal Arcanum, all of Sunbury. He belongs to the Reformed Church.

JAMES MONTGOMERY,* the progenitor of the Pottsgrove branch of the Montgomerys, was a member of that numerous body, the "Scotch Irish," which has done so much for the material, moral and spiritual advancement of our beloved America.

Many circumstances, and family traditions as well, show beyond a reasonable doubt that the Danville, Paradise and Pottsgrove families of this name are connected by ties of blood, but at this late day it seems wholly impossible to trace the relationship. Some day, should a complete history of the Montgomery family be written, we may know much of our ancestors of which we are now ignorant.

It seems fairly certain that the head of our branch was a descendant of Captain Montgomery, born 1666, who was an officer under William of

Orange, and who was promoted to a majority in the British army for bravery shown at the battle of the Boyne. However that may be, we do know that he was born in Ireland about 1766. As to what part of the Emerald Isle gave birth to our ancestor, I am in total ignorance, although I have gone to very great pains endeavoring to find out. Of his early life we know practically nothing, although family traditions tell us that he was a school teacher in his native country. He early determined to emigrate to the "land of the free" and did so in or about 1790. On landing in America he first located in the vicinity of West Chester, Pa., where he remained about three years. He then removed to what is now Montour county, Pa., it being at that time a part of Northumberland county. The first definite allusion to him that I have found is in the report for 1877 of County Superintendent William Henry, in which he says: "The first (schoolhouse) of which we have an authentic account was built in 1793 by James Montgomery, the father of H. R. Montgomery, Esq., and the few scattered settlers in the vicinity. The building stood near the Milton and Danville road and but a short distance from the present boundary line between Montour and Northumberland counties, on lands now owned by Romanus Mull. James Montgomery became its first teacher and he can with truth be called the pioneer school master of the county. It is supposed that Mr. Montgomery was the only teacher that taught in the building. It is known that he taught school for some time. He was a teacher who firmly believed in 'sparing not the rod.' The late Eli Wilson of Danville, bore to the end of his life a scar, the result of a violent collision with this master's ruler. In addition to teaching he for many years followed the arduous profession of civil engineering, a calling much more in demand at that early day than at present."

Captain Montgomery, as he was familiarly known, for many years held the office of justice of the peace, his first commission, bearing date Jan. 5, 1815, being given him by Gov. Simon Snyder, for District No. 2 in the township of Chillisquaque in the county of Columbia, the same being valid "so long as you do behave yourself well." His second commission, bearing the signature of Governor Shultz, was dated May 29, 1826, and was for the township of Liberty, county of Columbia.

He was a member of the Masonic craft, having in November, 1816, joined by card Lodge No. 144 at Lewisburg, Pa.; he was a member of the fraternity previously; I have been wholly unable to find out, but suppose it to have been over in Ireland.

The Pennsylvania Archives, as well as family tradition, show that he was early a member of the local military organization, he being captain (hence his title) of the 81st Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, during and subsequent to 1805. That he re-

* History of the "POTTSGROVE BRANCH" of the Montgomery family, by James R. Montgomery, M. D., 1903.

mained with the "boys" and did not desert his adopted country in time of peril is evidenced by the fact that in 1814 he and his regiment were called out, they going as far as Northumberland, where they were ordered to encamp. They remained in camp for fifteen days, when, the war being practically ended, they were sent home.

Of course it is a foregone conclusion that a descendant of one of William of Orange's soldiers could be naught but a Presbyterian and such was the fact in this case. Grandfather was during his life a consistent member and supporter of the Chillisquaque Presbyterian Church, an organization formed in 1773, a few years prior to his arrival here. A personal letter recently received from my venerable friend, Samuel McMahan, of Milton, Pa., says, "I remember your grandfather very well. He with the greater part of those families that came from the North of Ireland, were strong Presbyterians. He was one of the regular supporters of the old Chillisquaque Church."

On March 6, 1800, in consideration of the sum of three hundred pounds, he received from James Sheldon a deed for 133 acres and 6 per cent allowance of land along the Beaver run in what is now Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., it being part of a tract of land which the Proprietors of Pennsylvania did by patent dated the 3d day of April, 1776, grant to James Sheldon. This farm was very beautifully located, and covered with a thick growth of heavy timber, mostly white oak. I have heard it said that he chose this land because of the splendid timber on it, arguing from this that the soil must be extremely productive, while other settlers having less means were compelled to purchase the apparently poorer, hence cheaper, land, that was covered with small scrubby trees. We see his error now. His acres turned out to be a fair quality of gravel, while his poorer neighbors became the possessors of the valuable limestone farms, as fertile as any in the State, and which have made their descendants wealthy. He proceeded to clear up a farm and to erect the necessary buildings for the comfort and maintenance of himself and his family. These have long since disappeared. The house, built of logs, stood about two rods east of the location of the present dwelling. There was a splendid spring near the house and as there was at that time little or no market for his surplus grain he, like many of the pioneer settlers, built a distillery for its consumption. With tireless energy he laboriously hewed out the broad acres of the old homestead where his children were all born and which remained in the possession of himself and his descendants for nearly a century thereafter.

During the summer of 1795 he married Sarah Sheddan, who was born at "Seoiceberry Grove," the Sheddan homestead in Liberty township, Jan. 16, 1778, a daughter of James Sheddan, an Irish-

man, born Aug. 12, 1744, who with his wife, born in August, 1749, came to America in 1774. Mrs. Montgomery was a devoted wife to the end of her life, which occurred July 22, 1827. She and her husband were the parents of the following children: Samuel, born Sept. 20, 1796; died April 17, 1798; James, born 1798, died 1827; Samuel (2), born Aug. 7, 1800, died Jan. 16, 1826; Nathaniel, born Aug. 3, 1802, died Nov. 20, 1824; William, born April 16, 1805, died Aug. 14, 1826; Mary, born 1808, died 1854; Daniel W., born 1811, died 1866; Andrew, born June 24, 1814, died Aug. 3, 1838; Robert G., born 1817, died 1875; Hugh R., born 1819, died 1881; Anne, born July 9, 1822, died Jan. 23, 1829. It was a sad and remarkable coincidence that so many of the sons died in early manhood.

Soon after the death of his wife James Montgomery again assumed the matrimonial relation, being united in marriage with Mrs. Catherine Burns, nee Harvey, who bore him three children: John C., born 1828, died 1859; David H., born 1831, died 1902, and Margaret J., born 1835, died 1842. She survived him some years, finally going the way of all flesh, Aug. 18, 1856.

As indicated in the foregoing sketch our grandfather was a man of considerable importance to the community in his day and generation. Intellectually he was far above the average settler. My old friend, Samuel McMahan, tells me, "I saw him sign the temperance pledge in the center schoolhouse and he was spoken of as a man of pronounced views, who would be of much help in the reformation." Physically he was a large, finely built man, not tall but rather heavy. Like a true son of Erin, he was jovial and witty. As a husband he was thoughtful of the comfort of his partner, as a father he was kind and just, although somewhat strict as was the habit of the old colonists. As a neighbor and citizen his efforts and influence were all to the good.

He lived to the Biblical limit of three-score and ten. His death occurred suddenly and without any premonitions, he being found dead in his bed, probably from an apoplectic seizure, Dec. 6, 1836. His remains were buried by the side of his first wife in the old Chillisquaque cemetery and have long since been followed by all that was mortal of his widow and many of his children. There they quietly rest in that dreamless sleep from which they shall not awaken until the resurrection morn.

Concerning the children of James and Sarah (Sheddan) Montgomery who reached maturity.

James Montgomery was born, probably at the Sheddan homestead, Oct. 10, 1798. Very little is now known about him. On Nov. 15, 1825, he married Jane Harrison (a sister of the late Mrs. Obed Everett of Frosty Valley), who was born in Union county, Pa., June 12, 1805. During their honeymoon they visited friends near Milton and both

contracted colds which developed into illness so serious that in both cases it terminated fatally, her death occurring July 31, 1826, his following on May 10, 1827. They left no children.

Mary Montgomery was born on the old Montgomery homestead Nov. 20, 1808, and died Jan. 27, 1854. About 1830 she married John Rogers (an Irishman and school teacher), by whom she had two children, Sarah Anne and Elinor. The latter was born Nov. 20, 1834, and died without issue Feb. 22, 1857. Sarah Anne was born in Liberty township May 1, 1832, and died in Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 30, 1891. On Sept. 9, 1858, she was married in Morrow county, Ohio, to Samuel Burns (born in Liberty township Oct. 12, 1832, died in Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 24, 1906), and they were the parents of five children: Ella, John, Anna, Amos and Robert, all of whom died during childhood, and thus terminated this branch of the family.

Dr. Daniel W. Montgomery was born on the old homestead in what was then Turbut township, Northumberland county, May 7, 1811. He left home at an early age, probably about fifteen, and matriculated as a student at an institution of much note at the time, the old Milton Academy, the leading spirit of which was the eccentric but learned minister David Kirkpatrick, familiarly known as "Old Kirk." Among his classmates were James Pollock, who afterward served as governor of Pennsylvania, and Andrew G. Curtin, who later became the famous "War Governor" of our Commonwealth, as well as others who achieved considerable success in the various walks of life. After graduation he was retained in the academy as teacher for several years. Being poor but ambitious he, as many before and since have done, resorted to the schoolmaster's desk in order to obtain funds with which to secure a medical education. He taught at Danville, Maudsley, Sodom, the "Marsh," and probably at other schools in the forks of the Susquehanna. It is worthy of note that the lady who afterward became his wife was at one time one of his pupils. He now entered the office of Dr. William H. Magill, a noted physician of Danville, as a student of medicine, and in due time matriculated at Jefferson Medical College. After a faithful attendance at its courses of lectures he was granted the coveted degree in 1835. He immediately located at Orangeville, where by energy and industry he soon built up a large but exceedingly laborious practice, his field being a very extensive one, embracing territory which now supports over a dozen physicians. But he never faltered until failing health compelled him to desist, retaining the confidence and support of his patrons to the end. His premature death, which occurred Nov. 16, 1866, was like that of thousands of his brother physicians—unhonored and unsung, yet heroes none the less—directly due to the wear

and tear and exposure incident to the life of the busy physician whose creed and practice always is "others before yourself." Physically Dr. Montgomery was not a robust man, being slight in build and not tall, but he had a clear eye, a firm, resolute chin and a thoughtful, faith-inspiring face. In early life he had some trouble with one of his ankles, which caused a permanent lameness.

On April 13, 1839, he purchased the lot on corner of Main and Mount Pleasant streets, in the village of Orangeville, on which he built the house which was his home to the end of his life, in which his children were all born, and which still remains in the possession of his son. Some years later he purchased a fine farm in Orange township.

The Doctor was one of a small body of medical men who on the 31st day of July, 1858, founded the Columbia County Medical Society, an association which has endured to the present day and which embraces in its membership the leading practitioners of the county. Although in no sense a politician he, like all our family, was a life-long Democrat. My father once told me that had it not been deemed impossible to dispense with his services as a physician, he would have been thrust in the stifling vaults of Fort Mifflin along with the other poor victims of that horrid creation of malignity and falsehood, the so called "Fishing creek Confederacy." Yet it is but the simple truth that no purer-minded, more patriotic American ever lived than was he. A contemporary newspaper, *The Star of the North*, says of him: "His long residence in the place, in connection with his great success in the practice of medicine, his unwavering principles of morality and integrity, his zeal for the cause of education, his aid and energy for the public welfare, leave a community to mourn his loss as irreparable. As a physician he ranked among the highest. His calm and deliberate judgment, with his long experience, rendered him one of more than ordinary skill. The profession has lost a valuable member and the physicians throughout this and adjoining counties who have frequently sought his counsel will sadly deplore the loss of one whose life has been so valuable to the profession and community. But alas! He is no more. Death has claimed him and his quiet, tranquil death assures us that his spirit rests in peace." His mortal remains now rest in that dreamless sleep that knows no waking this side of eternity, by the side of her he loved in life, in beautiful Orangeville cemetery.

On Nov. 16, 1837, at the home of her parents, he was joined in wedlock to Margaret, daughter of William and Jane (Moore) Curry, and granddaughter of Robert Curry, a native of Ireland, who was one of the earliest settlers of what is now Montour county and who was killed by the Indians in 1780. Mrs. Montgomery was born on the old Curry homestead in Valley township, Columbia

(now Montour) county, Jan. 20, 1815, and after a faithful performance of the many and varied duties that confronted her as wife, mother and grandparent departed this life in Orangeville, in the house where all of a congenial and happy married life had been spent, Jan. 6, 1888. Both Doctor and Mrs. Montgomery were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of the following children: Clara J. C., born May 17, 1843, who died Sept. 10, 1853; Zelma Agnes, born Jan. 19, 1847; and James B., born July 6, 1849.

Robert G. Montgomery was born on the old Montgomery homestead, Jan. 5, 1817, and lived on it during the whole of his life, following the humble but very honorable and useful occupation of tiller of the soil. He was an excellent farmer and liked nothing better than to "make two blades of grass grow where one grew before." He became the owner of his farm sometime during the forties and improved it by the erection of a fine brick house and a large bank barn. He was a man of quiet tastes, one who thoroughly despised vulgar ostentations. He was honest and God-fearing, and while his fame was merely local, who can say how far reaching is the influence of that well lived life! I shall never forget a remark made by a neighbor which I overheard at his funeral, "There lies a perfectly honest man, one who never had an enemy." On Dec. 4, 1857, he married Susan, daughter of Fleming and Anna (Randolph) Nesbit, who was born at Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 22, 1827, and died at the home of her daughter May, in Orangeville, Nov. 29, 1890. They were the parents of the following children: James F., born Jan. 26, 1862; Ida May, born Feb. 8, 1864; John C., born Dec. 19, 1867; and three others who died in infancy. Mr. Montgomery's death, which was sudden and unexpected, occurred Dec. 31, 1875, from an attack of pneumonia. He was buried in the new Chillisquaque cemetery. His widow was buried at Orangeville. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the old Chillisquaque Presbyterian Church.

Hugh R. Montgomery, the youngest son of James and Sarah Montgomery, was born May 26, 1819, on the old Montgomery homestead, where he lived until he arrived at manhood's estate. Although never physically robust, yet like most of our ancestors of a century ago he early became accustomed to hard work. He helped clear up and till his father's farm, while during the long winters he taught the district school. The latter occupation he followed for many years, the former during his lifetime. The lady who afterward became his wife was for some time a pupil of his. In 1842 he bought a tract of land to which he moved to which he subsequently made additions (this is now known as the "Lindrew" farm), and improved by building a substantial brick house and large

bank barn. Here he lived till 1865, when he sold it and moved to the "Auten" farm, where he lived one year, when he bought and moved on the "Morgan" farm in the Village of Mexico. Here he lived for three years, when he sold the place and purchased a large tract of land along the banks of the Chillisquaque, near Pottsgrove. This was known as the "Bennage" farm and was the same tract originally known as "The True Point," which in consideration of the sum of twelve pounds, two shillings, sixpence sterling was granted, released and confirmed unto John Morrow (a progenitor of our present Murray family) on the sixteenth day of June in the year of our Lord 1774, and the fourteenth year of the reign of King George the Third over Great Britain, etc., by Thomas Penn and John Penn, Esq's., etc., etc. He moved on this farm during the month of April, 1869, and soon improved it by the erection of an excellent brick house, which he occupied until his death, which occurred after a lingering illness, July 28, 1881. He was a man of sterling honor and integrity and a person of much more than ordinary intelligence. Although naturally rather backward and unassuming, his life was an active and useful one. He was first commissioned justice of the peace by Governor Johnston in 1850, an office he continuously held until his removal from the county, in 1869. He was executor or administrator of a great many estates. He took much interest in educational matters, was a member of the school board for many years and was one of the founders of the Pottsgrove Academy. He was for many years a member of and an elder in the old Chillisquaque Presbyterian church. By his death his wife lost a kind, thoughtful husband, his children a loving father, the church an excellent counselor, the community an upright, conscientious, God-fearing member. His mortal remains rest in the family plot in the upper cemetery at Milton, Pa.

On June 25, 1857, at Danville, Pa., Rev. I. W. Yeomans united him in the bonds of holy matrimony with Sarah S. Moll, who proved a true helpmate during the quarter century of their married life. She bore him the following children: James R., born May 15, 1858; John S., born Aug. 21, 1859; Mary E., born Nov. 20, 1860; Sarah A., born Sept. 20, 1863; Daniel M., born Sept. 27, 1865; William A., born Sept. 2, 1867; Hugh B., born Aug. 27, 1868; Clara B., born Nov. 29, 1870 (died July 23, 1900); Alice J., born Dec. 17, 1873.

Sarah S. Moll was born in Berks county, Pa., March 30, 1837, daughter of Daniel F. and Mary (Seidel) Moll, granddaughter of John and Mary Elizabeth (Foust) Moll, and great-granddaughter of Henry Moll. Of the original Molls (or Mulls as they spelled it) but little is known, but it is supposed they came from Germany.

John C. Montgomery, son of James and Catherine (Burns) Montgomery, was born on the old

homestead Oct. 31, 1828. He was a man of considerable promise, being bright, energetic and industrious. Physically he was a splendid specimen of manhood. He had a decided military build and was a member of the local militia. He bought the "Bond" farm, a tract of land adjoining his father's farm on the west, and this he proceeded to improve by the erection of a large brick house and bank barn. He was engaged at the former when he was stricken by an attack of erysipelas which resulted fatally, Sept. 11, 1859. He had never married.

Dr. David H. Montgomery, son of James and Catherine (Burns) Montgomery, was born on the old homestead Dec. 4, 1831. After the completion of his literary education he taught school, at the same time reading medicine with his brother, Dr. Daniel. After attendance on the usual lectures and clinics, he received his diploma from the Philadelphia College of Medicine—an institution of repute at the time, but which has long since ceased to exist—March 10, 1852. He then engaged in practice with his preceptor at Orangeville, which he continued till 1856, when he located in Mifflinville. Here by close attention to his professional duties he soon built up a large and lucrative practice, which he held to the day of his death, which occurred suddenly, though to himself not unexpectedly, Nov. 21, 1902, it being due to a severe attack of angina pectoris, a disease to which he had long been subject. In 1862 he bought a lot in the village on which he erected a fine residence in which he lived the remainder of his life. He was quite a man in the financial world, being one of the original promoters and stockholders of the North and West Branch railroad, a stockholder in the Farmers' National Bank, etc. Dr. Montgomery was man of many excellent traits. Physically he was a splendid specimen of manhood. He was very genial and intuitively inspired everyone with trust in his ability and honesty. In his tastes he was thoroughly domestic. He was a great lover of home. No man's family relations could have been pleasanter. His pastor said of him: "His work has been magnificent and every stroke has been in the interest of right. He read the world in its various phases and if a strong brain and a magnetic presence are evidences of the good he has derived from following out his own notions of life's best plan, indeed his is a receipt worthy to be followed by all who wish to attain the same results."

In 1854 he was united in wedlock with Amelia, daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Hess) Kline, and granddaughter of Abram Kline, who prior to the Revolution emigrated to America from Germany and settled in what is now Orange township. She was born near Orangeville, and after a happy married life survived her husband but a few months, dying suddenly from a ruptured aneurism, July 14, 1903. Both sleep in Berwick cemetery. They are the parents of three children.

Margaret J. Montgomery, daughter of James and Catherine (Burns) Montgomery, was born March 23, 1835, and died May 14, 1842.

Dr. James R. Montgomery, son of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born on the "Harvey" farm in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., May 15, 1858. He worked with his father on the farm till he was seventeen, attending the common schools during the winter months and completing his literary education at Millersville Normal School. He then taught two terms of school at Oak Grove, in his native township, at the same time reading medicine with his preceptor, Dr. Charles H. Dougal, of Milton, Pa. He matriculated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated "with honorable mention" of his thesis, March 13, 1880. He practiced his profession for upward of a year in Philadelphia, when his father desiring him nearer home during his illness he located in Clarkstown, from which place he, on Jan. 16, 1882, removed to Buckhorn, where he still resides and where he has built up a large practice. In 1889 he purchased the property where he now lives and which he improved the same year by the erection of a large store building. He is an active member of the Columbia County Medical Society, State Medical Society and American Medical Association, in the various duties of which he takes an active part. He is member of Huntington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M.

On Oct. 26, 1887, by Rev. F. H. Tubbs, the Doctor was united in marriage with Daisy May Harris. They are the parents of two children, James R., Jr., born Sept. 22, 1889, and Maud, born March 1, 1894.

Daisy May Harris was born in Buckhorn, in the house in which she now lives, Oct. 7, 1866, only daughter of Jacob and Sarah A. (Shoemaker) Harris, granddaughter of James and Mary (Sheep) Harris, great-granddaughter of William Harris and great-great-granddaughter of James Harris, who was born in or near Bristol, England, about 1700, and emigrated to America about 1725, settling in Sussex county, N. J., where he married Miss Boleyn. On the maternal side she is a granddaughter of Abram and Rebecca (Girton) Shoemaker and a great-granddaughter of Abram Shoemaker, who was born in New Jersey. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, at the close of which he married Margaret Melick and came to what is now Columbia county, Pa., where he died about 1845, at a great age. He was buried with military honors in the old Presbyterian cemetery in Bloomsburg.

John S. Montgomery, son of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, formerly senior member of the firm of J. S. Montgomery & Co., Pottsgrove, Pa., was born on the "Harvey" farm, Aug. 21, 1859. After his school days were over he followed the profession of telegrapher for a number of years,

being employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company from 1883 to 1888. In August, 1888, he purchased a store in Pottsgrove which he conducted alone for a time, but in the fall of 1889 he took in as a partner his brother Daniel M. This partnership was continued till 1901, when Daniel withdrew and William A. entered the firm, which continued to do a large retail mercantile business in the prosperous community in which they were located. In 1894 they purchased a lot on which they erected a large and substantial store building and residence. John S. Montgomery sold his interest in this store in 1905. He is an enterprising man, taking an active part in all that pertains to the welfare of his town. He is a member of the Pottsgrove Lodge, I. O. O. F.

On March 14, 1902, he took unto himself a better half in the person of Jane S. McWilliams, Rev. A. B. Herr officiating. Jane S. McWilliams was born near Pottsgrove, April 5, 1871, daughter of John C. and Susan (Rissel) McWilliams.

Mary E. (Montgomery) Marsh, daughter of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born on the "Harvey" farm Nov. 20, 1860. She received her education at the Pottsgrove schools. On March 27, 1879, she was joined in marriage, by Rev. H. Graham Finney, to Charles N. Marsh. They farmed his father's farm in Turbut township for several years, when they purchased a tract of land along the banks of the Chillisquaque creek. They lived on this for some years, improving it by the erection of a fine brick house and a substantial bank barn. In 1898 Mr. Marsh accepted a position with the First National Bank of Milton, and leaving the farm, which they still own, they purchased and moved to the property at No. 128 Centre street where they still reside. They are the parents of one child, Hugh M., who was born in Turbut township, Northumberland county, June 13, 1880. All are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Marsh was elected an elder of their church in 1901.

Charles Newton Marsh was born in Turbut township, Northumberland Co., Pa., June 25, 1858. He received his education in the common schools, Limestoneville Academy and Millersville Normal School, taught school for some years, and also followed surveying. He still devotes his spare time to the latter occupation and to fire insurance. He was elected justice of the peace in 1889 and held the office until his removal from this township, in 1898. He is the only son of Minner Gulick and Margaret (Follmer) Marsh, grandson of Isaac and Sarah (Gulick) Marsh and great-grandson of Isaac and Elinor (Griggs) Marsh, whose ancestors fled from Scotland during a rebellion and settled near Flemington, N. J. Elinor Griggs was a native of Flemington, N. J. Sarah Gulick was a daughter of Minner Gulick, a captain in the Revolutionary war, whose ancestors came to this country from

Julick, Germany, about 1653. Margaret Follmer is a daughter of Simon Follmer, he a descendant of Michael Follmer, one of three brothers (then called Vollmer) who came from Bavaria and settled on what is now the Reuben Hoffa farm, near Follmer's Church, about 1772 or 1773.

Sarah A. (Montgomery) Eckman, daughter of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born on the "Lindner" farm Sept. 20, 1863. She received her education in the common schools and at Pottsgrove Academy. On March 1, 1888, she was united in the bonds of matrimony with William H. Eckman, by Rev. J. O. George. They purchased a property in Sunbury, Pa., where they lived for some years, Mr. Eckman being connected with the Pomfret Manor Cemetery Company. In June, 1891, they bought the "Bieber" farm, a beautiful tract of land lying near Pottsgrove, to which they removed in 1893, and on which they still reside. They have since built a handsome and comfortable dwelling on it and have made it a model farm. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church. They are the parents of two children: Clara A., who was born in Sunbury, Pa., Aug. 14, 1891, and Mae Montgomery, born at Pottsgrove Feb. 9, 1904.

William H. Eckman was born in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, Aug. 7, 1855. He is a son of Peter Eckman, who was born near Klines Grove, Pa., May 10, 1831. He was a farmer nearly all his life, but for about fifteen years was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He was a lifelong member of the M. E. Church. He died July 31, 1906, and was buried at Sunbury. In 1849 he married Angelina Shipe, a daughter of Michael and Judith (Huberter), who was born in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, March 13, 1833. His grandfather, Jacob Eckman, was born Sept. 22, 1805, and died April 19, 1876, was a native of Bloomsbury, N. J. On July 26, 1826, he married Emma Gulick, born Dec. 6, 1802, died April 7, 1883, whose paternal ancestors were English. On the maternal side she was descended from a Huguenot family named Gauo, who fled from France to America during a religious persecution in the eighteenth century. His great-grandfather, Charles Eckman, was born near Bloomsbury, N. J., in 1779, married Margaret DeWitt in 1800, and lived on a farm near his birthplace till 1807, when he bought a farm near Snyderstown, Pa., on which they lived till 1813, when they exchanged it for a farm near Klines Grove, Pa., now known as the old Eckman homestead. They were the parents of eight sons and three daughters. His great-great-grandfather Eckman was an old settler of Warren county, N. J.; he was the father of three sons and four daughters.

Daniel M. Montgomery, son of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born on the

"Auten" farm Sept. 27, 1865. At the death of his father he left the old home and after taking a commercial course at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., accepted employment from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as telegrapher. This vocation he followed for some years, occupying various locations, mostly on the main line between Harrisburg and Pittsburg. He very nearly lost his life in the famous "Johnstown flood" of 1889. He was in the Conemaugh tower at the time, but fortunately he saw the huge wall of water approaching, and quickly deserting the doomed locality he safely reached the hills. A minute after tower and all were destroyed. The same year, 1889, he formed a partnership with his brother, John S., in the mercantile business at Pottsgrove, which continued until 1901. He then withdrew from the firm and removed to Hazleton, Pa., where he opened a store. During the year he bought a lot at No. 237 West Broad Street on which he built a large three-story store and dwelling into which he moved the following spring, and which he still occupies.

On April 4, 1893, he married Mary L., a daughter of John and Clara (Buss) Koons, who was born in Lycoming county Jan. 15, 1873. She bore him two children, Florence and Mildred May, both of whom died during infancy. Unfortunately his wife went into a decline which developed into that scourge of our race, consumption, and terminated fatally June 30, 1896. She is buried in the family plot in the upper cemetery at Milton.

On April 12, 1899, he again assumed the marital relation by uniting in marriage with Annie L. Levan, Rev. H. P. Corser officiating. They have one child, Elwood Watson, who was born at Pottsgrove April 4, 1900. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Annie Louisa Levan was born at Ottawa, Pa., Jan. 10, 1877. She received her education in the common schools and at Bloomsburg Normal School, graduating from the latter institution. She is a daughter of Charles D. and Sarah C. (Watson) Levan, and a granddaughter of Charles and Mary A. (Follmer) Levan, the former of whom was born in southern France in 1800, and when a young man came to America, where he died in 1881.

William A. Montgomery, son of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born on the "Morgan" farm in Liberty township Sept. 2, 1867. He received his education in the Pottsgrove schools. After the death of his father, in 1881, he took charge of the old home and farmed the place, thus making a home for his mother and his younger brother and sisters. In 1895 he bought the farm and occupied it for some years. Unfortunately he sustained a severe sunstroke, the results of which compelled him to forego the hard work and exposure to the heat of the sun incident

to the life of the agriculturist. He rented his farm and removed to Pottsgrove, where he led a retired life until 1901, when he joined his brother, John S., in the mercantile business from which he retired in 1906. He is a Presbyterian and a member of the Odd Fellows. He is unmarried.

H. Bryson Montgomery, son of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born on the "Morgan" farm August 27, 1868. After his school days were over he entered into a three years' apprenticeship with McKillip Brothers, photographers, of Bloomsburg, Pa. At the completion of this term he built and operated a gallery at Williamstown, Pa. He continued here till 1895, when he bought a lot at No. 143 South Front street, Milton, Pa., on which he erected a splendid brick residence and gallery, which he occupied for a number of years, and where he did probably the largest photographic business in the county. He was an expert photographer and in addition an extensive dealer in cameras, frames and other accessories. He has sold out his studio and is now extensively interested in the sand business.

On March 20, 1895, he was united in marriage, by Rev. J. A. Adams, to Sarah A. Billmeyer, who was born in Liberty township, near Oak Grove, Oct. 12, 1870. She is a daughter of Henry and Hannah (Florence) Billmeyer, and great-granddaughter of Martin Billmeyer, who with his father, Martin Billmeyer, came to what is now Montour county and took up (more than a century ago) a large amount of land in the vicinity of Billmeyers dam, which still remains in the possession of their descendants. Both are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Clara B. Montgomery, daughter of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born at the old home in Chillisquaque township, Nov. 29, 1870. After completing her education at the public schools and at Pottsgrove Academy she chose the profession of photography, which she learned with her brother Bryson at Williamstown, but her health proving delicate she never followed it except as an amateur. She made her home with her mother at Pottsgrove. During a visit to Atlantic City in the summer of 1899 she contracted a cold which finally terminated in that dread disease, consumption. After a lingering illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude, her poor young life was cut short by the grim reaper July 23, 1900. During the whole of her brief life she had been an active, earnest, consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. All that is mortal of our dear sister, the first of our family circle to pass to the great beyond, now rests in the family plot at Milton.

Alice Jane (Montgomery) Sheddian, daughter of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born on the old farm along the banks of the Chillisquaque Dec. 17, 1873. She completed her education in the common schools of her native town-

ship and at Pottsgrove Academy. In addition she took a number of courses in music, an art in which she became an adept. On August 12, 1896, she was joined in the bonds of wedlock to Rev. William B. Sheddan. They are the parents of two children, Ralph Montgomery, born at McEwensville, Pa., June 24, 1897, and Boyd Robert, born at Little Oxford, Warren Co., N. J., Sept. 8, 1902.

William Boyd Sheddan was born at the old Sheddan homestead, which has been in the possession of the family since 1774, April 8, 1867. He is the only child of John K. and Marietta J. (Wilson) Sheddan, and the great-grandson of James Sheddan, who was born in Ireland in 1744, and who came to America thirty years later, settling on what is now the Sheddan homestead. His grandfather, William Sheddan, and his wife's grandmother, Sarah Sheddan Montgomery, were brother and sister. At the age of nineteen he first taught school at Balls Mills, followed by a year each at Chestnut Grove and Limestoneville. He then matriculated at Bucknell University, from which he graduated in 1895, with the degree of Ph. B. Then for three years he taught at Pottsgrove, McEwensville and Milton. He became a student in Princeton Theological Seminary and completed the course in 1900. During this time he supplied several churches. On Aug. 18, 1900, he received a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Oxford, N. J., and was ordained and installed pastor of the same, Jan. 30, 1901, and which charge he served till the summer of 1904, when he accepted the position of Librarian at Princeton Theological Seminary, removing to the latter place in August of that year. His address is No. 5 Linden Lane, Princeton, New Jersey.

Concerning the children of Robert G. and Susan (Nesbit) Montgomery,

James F. Montgomery was born in Liberty township, on the old Montgomery homestead, Jan. 26, 1862. He lived at home until the death of his father. Shortly after this event he removed to Orangeville, where he worked at carpentering. In 1883 he purchased a farm in Orange township. He lived on this until 1903, when he rented it and moved to the Daniel McHenry farm at Stillwater, where he remained one year and then returned to his own farm. On June 27, 1885, he married Jennie R. Sharpless, who has borne him the following children: Robert S., born Dec. 26, 1886; Laura May, born Oct. 13, 1888 (died March 27, 1891); Clement D., born Oct. 28, 1890; Maud A., born Sept. 1, 1892; Wallace W., born May 6, 1894 (died Aug. 15, 1895); William C., born Feb. 2, 1896; Clara C., born Nov. 27, 1898. Jennie R. Sharpless was born in Orangeville, Pa., Oct. 15, 1865, daughter of Samuel A. and Mary (Everitt) Sharpless.

Ida May (Montgomery) Swank was born on the old Montgomery homestead, Feb. 8, 1864. She

staid with her mother for some years after her father's death, but finally left home and learned dressmaking. She also lived for several years with the family of Henry H. Grotz, in Bloomsburg. On April 28, 1887, she was united in marriage to Clement V. Delong, of Orangeville, but the period of her wedded life was very brief, as he died Sept. 1, 1887. On April 26, 1900, she again entered the matrimonial ranks, taking for her life partner Dill L. Swank. They at once moved into their own house in Fernville, near Bloomsburg, where they lived until 1901, when they rented it and moved to Hazleton, where Mr. Swank had accepted a situation as foreman in a large woodworking plant. Their child, George Nesbit, born March 4, 1902, they were unfortunate enough to lose by death, from cholera infantum, July 3, 1902.

Dill L. Swank was born at Hettlerville, Pa., March 16, 1865, son of Obadiah and Elizabeth (Kirkendall) Swank, grandson of George and Elizabeth (Hutchins) Swank and great-grandson of John and Catherine (Hover) Swank.

John C. Montgomery was born in Liberty township, Dec. 19, 1867. After the death of his father he lived for a number of years with William Curry at Maudale. Being of an economical and saving disposition, he accumulated quite a sum of money, with which, with his patrimony, he purchased a large tract of land known as the "Beaver" farm, located in Pine township, Columbia Co., Pa. Here he lived for some time following farming and lumbering. But owing either to mismanagement or the dishonesty of others, or both, he was so unfortunate as to lose all his property. Thinking he might succeed better elsewhere, he located at Claymount, Ill., where he still resides. He is a farmer, and so far as is known he is unmarried.

Zelma Agnes (Montgomery) Smith, daughter of Dr. Daniel W. and Margaret (Curry) Montgomery, was born in Orangeville, Pa., Jan. 19, 1847.

James B. Montgomery, son of Dr. Daniel W. and Margaret (Curry) Montgomery, was born in Orangeville July 6, 1849. He received his education at Orangeville Academy, Bloomsburg Institute, Dickinson Seminary and Poughkeepsie Business College. For many years he has followed the honorable calling of tiller of the soil, although he does the directing rather than the actual labor, and owns and manages several of the handsomest farms in the county, of which he is justly proud. He lives in Orangeville, in the house built by his father a half century or more ago. He is no politician, but takes an active part in all that pertains to the welfare of his native town: is a member of the council of Orangeville borough. In 1871 he was united in marriage with Mary E. Lee, who has borne him three children: Mary Grace, born Feb. 18, 1872; Cora Agnes, born Nov. 25, 1875; and

James Curry, born Oct. 17, 1877. All are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mary Elizabeth Lee was born in Scott township, Columbia Co., Pa., in October, 1851, daughter of Charles and Mary E. (Liyler) Lee and granddaughter of David and Susanna Lee.

S. PIERCE BOYER, farmer, of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, lives on part of the old homestead of his grandfather, Peter Boyer, who moved to this county in 1831 with his family. The Boyers are from Berks county, Pa., where the name has long been a representative one.

The emigrant ancestor of the Boyer family was John Philip Beyer, who came from the Palatinate to Philadelphia in 1731, with a number of children. He settled in Frederick township, Montgomery Co., Pa., but later lived in Amity township, in the lower end of Berks county, where he died in the spring of 1753, at a ripe old age. He belonged to the Swamp Lutheran Church, and was buried by the pastor, Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who reports the matter fully in the "Halleischen Nachrichten." His will is on record at the Philadelphia courthouse, and in it some of his children are named. Among his sons were Jacob, the ancestor of the Boyertown branch of the family; and Johann Heinrich.

Johann Heinrich Boyer was born in 1714, in the Pfalz, Germany, and died May 2, 1814, in the one hundredth year of his age. In 1743 he was married to Magdalena Kirchner, and among his children—six sons and one daughter—were Philip and Heinrich.

Philip Boyer, born Dec. 14, 1754, died July 31, 1832. His wife, Christiana, who was born in 1754, also died in 1832, and both were buried in the old graveyard at Amityville. Philip Boyer made a will the year before his death, while a resident of Amity township, and in it he mentions the following children: Michael; Jacob, who had a son Philip; John; Peter; Mary, married to George Koch; and Daniel, born in 1792, who died in 1825.

Peter Boyer, son of Philip, was born in Amity township, Berks county, and in 1831 came to Northumberland county with his wife and family, which then consisted of twelve children, the youngest two having been born in Lower Mahanoy township, where they settled. His 170-acre farm in that township is now owned by one Frank Phillips. Later he moved to Dauphin county, where he owned a valuable farm and mill property for which he paid \$12,000, and he died in that county about 1850-51, at the age of sixty-five years. He is buried at Hoffman's Church, in Lykens township, Dauphin county. Though a stonemason by trade, he was engaged principally in farming, in which he was very successful and prosperous. He was a strong man, noted for his courageous disposition, and was known locally as "Wannas" Boyer. His

wife, Catharine Herb, also of Berks county, lived to the age of eighty-four. They were the parents of fourteen children, as follows: Benjamin, Sally, Elias, Isaac, Rachel, Mary, Hettie, Gabriel, Abraham, Catharine, Josiah and Benneville (twins), John and Leah, the two last named born in Northumberland county.

John Boyer, probably an uncle of Peter Boyer, above, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Abraham Boyer, son of Peter, was born in Amity township, Berks county, and came with the family to Lower Mahanoy township, where he passed the remainder of his active and successful life with the exception of the years he was at Millerstown, Perry county. Like the Boyers generally, he was noted for his industry and thrift, and he became one of the most extensive farmers in Lower Mahanoy township, owning about 500 acres of land. He died in Lower Mahanoy township Sept. 28, 1894. Abraham Boyer married Catharine Anderson, daughter of John and Mary (Harrold) Anderson, and to them were born six children, namely: S. Pierce; Amelia, who married Henry Kieffer, of Dauphin county, Pa.; John, deceased; Elias D., of Limestone, Upper Augusta township, this county; Hannah, married to John Lahr, of Pillow, Pa.; and Peter, of Pillow.

S. Pierce Boyer was born Jan. 12, 1853, in Millerstown, Perry Co., Pa., and was but four weeks old when the family returned to Northumberland county, where he was reared to farm life. He worked for his parents until he was thirty years old, when he left home and began farming on his own account in Jordan township, as a tenant. Some years later he and his brother Elias bought a tract of seventy-one acres near Mandata, Pa., in partnership, and S. Pierce Boyer farmed this tract for twelve years, until he settled on his present place in Lower Mahanoy township in 1894. He has a tract of 109 acres near Mandata which was at one time part of the old homestead of his grandfather, Peter Boyer, and which has been in the family name for many years. The barn on this place was built by his father, Abraham Boyer, and the present owner has remodeled the house, which is a comfortable dwelling. The place is well kept up and Mr. Boyer is a typical member of his family, enterprising and energetic in all he undertakes and prosperous in his farming operations. He has taken some part in local affairs, having served three years as school director of the township and also as tax collector. He is a Democrat in politics. Mr. Boyer has been quite prominent in church affairs, he being a member of the Reformed congregation at Zion's Stone Valley Church, which he has served as member of the council for ten years.

In March, 1883, Mr. Boyer married Susan Michael, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Bobbs)

Michael, of Lower Mahanoy township, who had a family of six children, namely: John, William, Mary (Mrs. George Philips), Susan, Isaac and Sarah. Mrs. Boyer died April 14, 1893, at the age of forty-two years, the mother of two children: Katie, unmarried, who lives in Sunbury, Pa.; and Carrie, who is living with her parents. Mr. Boyer married for his second wife Ella Drumheller, daughter of Nicholas Drumheller, and to this union there was one child, born dead.

PETER BOYER, youngest son of Abraham Boyer, was born April 15, 1867, in Lower Mahanoy township, and worked for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two years. He subsequently farmed some seven years as a tenant on the John Haas farm, three miles east of Milton, Pa. In 1902 he settled in Jordan township on the valuable farm of 286 acres, near Hebe, which he has since occupied and cultivated. Besides this place he owns other land, having in all 321 acres, of which 209 acres are under cultivation. In addition to farming he is engaged to some extent in lumbering, and he has also been interested in building, having put up five houses in Sunbury during 1907-08.

Mr. Boyer married Catharine Troutman, and they have five children: (1) William R., born July 30, 1882, in Lower Mahanoy township, took a course at Keller's business college, at Lewisburg, Pa., taught public school for five terms, and has since held his present position, being rural letter carrier No. 1, of Pillow, Pa. He married Minnie Strohecker, and they have three children, Hazel, Helen and Vivian. They live a half mile west of Pillow. (2) John C., born Aug. 13, 1884, was engaged in farming for a while and then turned to the raising of fancy poultry and lumbering. He lives on his place at Klingerstown, Pa. He married Jennie S. Wiest, and they have three children, Mildred, Margaret and Evelyn. (3) Silas N., born Dec. 15, 1886, lives at home with his parents. He is a prominent young farmer and raiser of swine. (4) Chauncey E., born Dec. 26, 1889, lives with his parents, and devotes most of his time to cattle and horse raising; he is also assistant rural carrier at Pillow. (5) Ramsey E., born May 31, 1894, living with his parents, is particularly interested in machinery.

Benjamin Boyer, son of Peter, was born Aug. 8, 1813, in Amity township, Berks county, and came with his parents to Northumberland county, locating with them in Lower Mahanoy township. He was reared to farming, which was always his principal vocation, though during his early manhood he taught school for a time. When twenty-five years old he married and began farming on his father's place, which he purchased some time later, this farm comprising about one hundred acres, in addition to which he owned two

other farms. He prospered greatly in his work, and continued farming until eight years before his death, which occurred Dec. 10, 1887, when he was seventy-four years old. His wife, Catharine Stein, born Aug. 14, 1814, died Sept. 27, 1887. They were members of the Stone Valley Union Church in which he held various offices. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer were the parents of ten children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being: Elias, of Dalmatia, Pa.; John, deceased, who was a resident of Lykens valley, in Dauphin county; Hannah, Mrs. William Seiler; Emeline, Mrs. Emanuel Lark; Caroline, Mrs. Jeremiah Lenker; Benjamin Adam; and Daniel, deceased, who lived in Jordan township.

BENJAMIN ADAM BOYER, son of Benjamin, was born March 17, 1853, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he now lives, engaged in farming. He is a typical dark "complected" Boyer, and a representative member of a family noted for enterprise and progressive industry. In his early boyhood he attended both subscription and free schools, and later was a pupil at the Freeburg Academy, in Snyder county, profiting so well by his advantages that when sixteen he began teaching—at McKee's school in Lower Mahanoy township. In 1874 he began farming on the place in Lower Mahanoy where he has since resided, a tract of 150 acres made up of two farms, the part on which he lives having formerly been his father's place, the other, which comprises sixty-six acres, having become his by purchase. The former part was originally a Leffler homestead, was next acquired by the Bowman family, and then came into the possession of Benjamin Boyer, father of the present owner, who built a new residence thereon in 1894. It replaced the old log house which had stood for a little over a hundred years, having been erected by the Lefflers, the pioneer settlers on this land. Mr. Boyer was formerly somewhat extensively engaged in the burning of lime, as much as 24,000 bushels per annum. He gave employment to as many as four men, and has throughout his active career proved himself a competent business man. He has been supervisor of his township since 1905. Mr. Boyer and his children are members of the Reformed Church, Mrs. Boyer uniting with the Lutheran Church. He is a Democrat in politics.

In 1873 Mr. Boyer married Lizzie Coleman, daughter of John and Catharine (Artz) Coleman, granddaughter of John Coleman and great-granddaughter of Charles Coleman. Two children have been born to them: Charles I. is a graduate of the State Normal school at Bloomsburg and of Bucknell University, and for a time was engaged in teaching public school and in a business college at Baltimore, but he is now following his profession of civil engineer, being a member of an engineer corps at Altoona, Pa.; John Benjamin is a

graduate of the Bloom-burg State Normal school and of Bucknell University, and is a highly successful teacher, being at present principal of the high school at Milroy, Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania.

JOHN B. LARK, M. D., physician of Trevorton, has practiced at that location for the past five years, having settled there in 1906. He has built up a large patronage in the town and surrounding territory, where he has become well and favorably known for his skill and devotion to his work. Dr. Lark was born Dec. 18, 1876, in Dauphin county, Pa., near Millersburg, but has passed the greater part of his life in Northumberland county.

The Lark family is of Swiss origin. George Lark, the Doctor's great-grandfather, was born in Mifflin township, Dauphin county, and became a farmer there. He died at the age of twenty-nine years, and is buried at Buffington Church in his native township. He married Elizabeth Enterline, who married (second) Captain Snyder, of Lykens township, Dauphin county. After the death of her second husband she made her home with her son George, and died there aged seventy-five years. To George and Elizabeth Lark were born four children: Amos and Elizabeth died young; John is mentioned below; George settled at Berrysburg, as a merchant, and was the father of Leon, Elizabeth, Edward, William B., Mamie, Annie and Clara.

John Lark, son of George, was born on the old homestead in Mifflin township, Feb. 7, 1826. He learned the stonemason's trade when a young man, but never followed it. He devoted his time to farming, and died in Salina, Saline Co., Kans., aged seventy-two years, and is buried there. He married Leah Shoop, daughter of Jacob Shoop, and they had two children, George, who died in infancy, and Emanuel S.

Emanuel S. Lark, son of John, was born in Mifflin township, on the same farm on which both his father and grandfather were born, Feb. 8, 1853. He attended the local schools, Freeburg Academy, in Snyder county, Berrysburg Seminary and Millersburg Academy. He taught ten terms of school in Dauphin and Northumberland counties, and was very successful as an instructor. Turning his attention to farming on the old homestead, he remained there for three years, after which he farmed for one year in Jackson township, Northumberland county, and then lived two years in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. In 1880 he came to Shamokin, and found employment in the mines, where he remained about six years. The next five years he passed in a general hauling business, and the succeeding five years as conductor on a freight train for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. On Oct. 1, 1903, he assumed the duties of his present position, that of superintendent of the Shamokin cemetery,

and his efficiency is well attested by the carefully kept condition of that beautiful city of the dead. His residence is at 53 Marshall street. He is a member of St. John's Reformed Church.

Mr. Lark has been twice married. In 1873 he married Emeline Boyer, daughter of Benjamin and Catharine (Stine) Boyer, the former of whom was born in Berks county, Pa., of French Huguenot ancestry, later settling in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. Mrs. Lark was born Oct. 21, 1847, and died April 9, 1895, and was buried in Shamokin cemetery. The following children were born of this union: Charles C., now a practicing attorney, of Shamokin; Carrie C., who died aged eighteen years; John B.; Leah B., born in Lower Mahanoy township, living with her father; H. Wilson and Thomas F., overall manufacturers at Shamokin, trading under the firm name of Lark & Lark; Edward H., a salesman for Lark & Lark. Emanuel S. Lark married (second) Nov. 12, 1908, Mrs. Margaret Unpleby, daughter of William and Susan Weitzel.

John B. Lark was a young child when his parents moved to Shamokin, where he received his literary education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1895. He then taught school for six terms, five in Cameron township, this county, and one in the borough of Shamokin, after which he entered upon his medical course, at the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia. Graduating from that institution in the year 1905, he first located at Shamokin, where he practiced only about eight months, coming to Trevorton in 1906. He has found a large field of work at his present location, and has been most successful in retaining the confidence of his patients. He is a member of the Northumberland County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He holds fraternal association with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a member of the Reformed Church, and on political questions supports the Republican party.

Dr. Lark was married, Feb. 19, 1907, to Harriet M. Stricker, daughter of G. H. Stricker, a well known merchant tailor of Shamokin. They have had two children: George, who died at the age of eleven months, three days; and John.

WILLIAM KIEFFER, JR., whose association with various business and financial institutions of Mount Carmel has made him well known in many lines of enterprise, has spent practically all his active years in that borough. He began humbly, with nothing but his trade to rely upon, but by intelligent and progressive management has enlarged his field of operations and acquired interests which class him among the most progressive and influential element in the place.

Mr. Kiefer was born Nov. 9, 1859, at Schuylkill

Haven, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and is a son of William Kiefer, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1850. He received his education in public school at Frackville, in his native county, and learned the butcher's trade under his father, remaining in Schuylkill county until 1878, when he settled at Mount Carmel. Here he was employed for some time by Charles K. Maurer, who established the first meat market in Mount Carmel, and on Oct. 20, 1885, he entered the same line of business on his own account. By 1889 he had prospered to such an extent that he was able to build the substantial three-story building at No. 608 South Oak street where he has since been located, his store occupying the ground floor, which has been specially equipped for the business. Five years after he began business on his own account his brother Thomas entered into partnership with him, and they have since continued together under the firm name of Kiefer Brothers. They have built up their business until they are considered the leading butchers in Mount Carmel. They run five delivery wagons, do their own killing, and conduct every branch of their work in the most progressive manner, a fact which has had much to do with the unbroken success this firm has enjoyed.

Mr. William Kiefer has become interested in so many local public utilities that his name is identified with a great variety of enterprises. He is vice president of the First National Bank of Mount Carmel; treasurer of the Shamokin & Mount Carmel Transit Company; treasurer of the Locust Gap Trolley Company; treasurer of the Mount Carmel Cement Block Company; director of the Mount Carmel Water Company, of the People's Building & Loan Association, and of the Edison Illuminating Company of Mount Carmel. Socially he is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M., Williamsport Consistory, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a Democrat but not active in politics, though he has served one term as school director.

On Dec. 15, 1887, Mr. Kiefer married Mary A. Eddy, daughter of Peter and Lydia (Wolcock) Eddy, of Shamokin, and they have had six children, three of whom, Roy, William and Grace, are deceased. The survivors are Frederick, Dorothy and Frank. The family are Lutherans in religious connection.

Peter Eddy, father of Mrs. Kiefer, was a native of England, born in 1828, and came to America when a young man. He settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and followed mining for many years, later moving to Shamokin, Northumberland county, where he ended his days Aug. 13, 1896. He married Lydia Wolcock, daughter of William Wolcock, and their family consisted of eight children, namely: Peter, William, John, Mary A. (Mrs. Kiefer), Newton, Amelia, Joseph and George.

KIMBER CLEAVER MCWILLIAMS, M. D. The McWilliams family has been located in Northumberland county, Pa., for 140 years, and those of the name have been substantial and industrious men and women who have lived upright lives, useful to the community in their respective callings. At the present time at Shamokin is found Dr. Kimber Cleaver McWilliams, a successful physician, vice president and director of the Coal Township Light, Heat & Power Company, director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, and an official in several other important corporations.

William McWilliams came to America from County Armagh, Ireland, and settled at Bristol, Bucks Co., Pa., between 1740 and 1750. With him came his widowed mother, his sister Hannah, and brother John. William McWilliams became a pioneer settler in Turbut township, Northumberland county, settling there soon after the Indian purchase of 1768. In the Pennsylvania Archives he is mentioned as having taken out a warrant for one hundred acres of land in 1772 and again in 1774 a warrant for 306 acres. This tract was in the region known as Chillisquaque, and here he made his home until the time of his death. In the war of the Revolution, during the Indian troubles, Mr. McWilliams and his family were obliged to flee to Fort Augusta for protection, but soon returned to their farms. He supported the cause of the colonies during the war, having appeared before Robert Martin at Northumberland and taken the oath of allegiance, as shown by the following certificate, now in the possession of the family: "Northumberland County: I do hereby certify that William McWilliams hath voluntarily taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity as directed by an Act of General Assembly of Pennsylvania passed the 13th day of June, 1777. Witness my Hand and Seal The 12th day of November Anno Domini 1777. Robt. Martin." [L. S.]

Mr. McWilliams died Jan. 11, 1819, aged eighty years. He married Sarah Johnston, who died Oct. 6, 1806, aged fifty-two years. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith. His children were: Hannah, born Oct. 3, 1771; James, Sept. 27, 1773; Thomas, Nov. 27, 1775; Mary, Oct. 3, 1777 (married A. Cruise); Eleanor, Feb. 3, 1780 (married John Scout); William, April 21, 1782 (died Nov. 21, 1853); John, June 28, 1784 (died July 30, 1849); Samuel, Aug. 13, 1786; Philip, Oct. 20, 1788; David, Jan. 19, 1791; Robert, Feb. 3, 1793; Sarah Johnson, 1795; and Joseph Watt, June 17, 1797.

David McWilliams, son of William, born Jan. 19, 1791, followed farming, as did his father, all his life. He was first located in Turbut township, but soon after his marriage he located at Elysburg, where he became quite prominent. He died July



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2, 1856. He married Jane Craig, born Aug. 19, 1798, died Sept. 29, 1882, daughter of John and Margaret (Johnston) Craig. Nine children were born of this union, as follows: William Watt; Dr. John Craig, who married Esther Schindler, and has a daughter Ida (married Alfred Evans); Robert, who died aged seven years; David Nichol, who married Cecilia Levers; Sarah, who married Joseph T. John; Chittillon, who married Margaret Kase; Ellen, who married Joseph B. Craig; Aquilla, who died unmarried; and Jane, unmarried.

William Watt McWilliams, son of David, was born July 21, 1821, and died June 1, 1879. He was educated in Milton Academy, and became a civil engineer, a calling he followed all his active life. He assisted in laying out the borough of Shamokin, and was employed in making the survey of the railroad from Shamokin to Sunbury, associated with Kimber Cleaver. He surveyed many of the mines and early coal lands, and maps were made from his measurements. He was very accurate in his work, and had a wide reputation for efficiency. He took an active interest in education, and was one of the founders of the Elysburg Academy. For many years he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and he was always found coöperating in any measure tending toward the welfare of the community. In politics he was a Republican, but never held political office. On Oct. 13, 1853, in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., he married Catharine Caldwell, born Dec. 15, 1831, died Sept. 7, 1890, daughter of Alexander Caldwell (born May 4, 1800, died Feb. 6, 1856) and his wife Martha (born 1798, died May 7, 1845). To this union were born five children: (1) Clifton Craig, born June 20, 1855, was educated at the Elysburg Academy, and made agriculture his life work. On March 12, 1879, he married Georgiana Jefferis, and they had children: Mary C., born Feb. 3, 1880 (died in infancy); William C., born April 18, 1881; Elizabeth, born Oct. 10, 1884; Howard C., born Feb. 11, 1887; Benjamin J., born June 17, 1892 (died Oct. 2, 1910); and Ralph C., born Aug. 25, 1894. (2) Kimber Cleaver was born Oct. 7, 1857. (3) David Alexander, born Aug. 15, 1859, died at the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, Sept. 20, 1904. He graduated from Dickinson Seminary, and studied law at Minneapolis, where he practiced for several years, later entering McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, and becoming a Presbyterian minister. He was later professor of History and Sociology at Lincoln University, in Pennsylvania. He married Ada E. Guss, and had children, Craig, David B., William and Stewart. His widow resides at Mifflinburg, Pa. (4) Cora Rebecca was born Sept. 22, 1862. (5) William C., born July 25, 1867, died aged three years.

Dr. Kimber Cleaver McWilliams was born at

Elysburg Oct. 7, 1857, and attended the public schools and Elysburg Academy, where he taught school for a time. He began the study of medicine under Dr. S. F. Gilbert, at Elysburg, and later entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1884. He began the practice of his profession at Mainville, Columbia county, but remained there only two months. He then located at Snyderstown, Northumberland county, where he continued for two years. In 1886 he located at Shamokin, but having decided to devote himself to special diseases he went to Philadelphia in 1892 and practiced there three years, at the same time taking special lectures on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, at Jefferson hospital. During the last year of his stay in that city he was chief assistant at the eye clinic at the Polyclinic hospital, and was superintendent of the Beacon dispensary during the three years he was there. On completing his course he returned to Shamokin, and has met with great success in his specialties.

The Doctor has been active in the business as well as in the professional world. He is a director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company; vice president and director of the Coal Township Light, Heat & Power Company, and director of the Greenough Coal & Coke Company. In 1907 he completed a fine apartment house on Independence street, Shamokin, which contains 121 rooms. The lower floor is given over to stores. This is one of the finest apartment houses in central Pennsylvania. He is looked upon as a shrewd business man, of good executive ability.

Dr. McWilliams takes an active part in the work of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics is a Republican. On Oct. 11, 1887, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth J. Chester, of Shamokin. They have three children: Holden Chester, born July 12, 1888, a student at Princeton University; Kimber Cleaver, born July 14, 1890, a student at Princeton University; and Clifton Alexander, born May 8, 1896, attending Lawrenceville School.

John Craig, great-grandfather of the Doctor, married Margaret Johnson, and had children: John, born Nov. 7, 1794; Alexander, born Jan. 7, 1796; Jane, born Aug. 19, 1798; Margaret, born Feb. 1, 1800; and James (died young).

Catharine Carmichael, great-grandmother of the Doctor, was born in 1766 and died in 1850. She married John Caldwell, and was the mother of Martha, wife of Alexander Caldwell.

ANDREW L. BUCHER, who is farming his father's old homestead in Washington township, is a grandson of Dieter Bucher, the ancestor of a prominent branch of the Bucher family, many of whose members may be found in Northumberland county. One branch located in Lower Mahanoy township.

The Bucher family has long been settled in Pennsylvania, the homes of the earlier members being in Lancaster and Montgomery counties. Dieter Bucher was a native of Limerick township, Montgomery county, whence he came to the Mahantango Valley, in Northumberland county, purchasing two farms lying along the creek, from Uniontown to the county line. He never lived there any length of time, however, dying in his native district. His son Andrew lived upon one of these farms for some years, and his son-in-law David Lenker occupied the other, in later years purchasing Andrew Bucher's place and eventually owning both properties. Dieter Bucher was twice married, his first wife being a Ziegler, his second a Miss Shutt. To the first marriage were born three children: Mary, who married Frank Markley; Catharine, who married David Lenker; and Andrew. By the second wife he had two children: Ephraim and Louisa, the latter marrying Jonathan Eisenbrown, who is still living in Philadelphia, at an advanced age. Dieter Bucher had a sister, Lydia, who was the mother of Gov. John F. Hartranft, of Pennsylvania.

Andrew Bucher, son of Dieter, was born Nov. 22, 1822. He came from the Mahantango Valley to Washington township about 1852, settling at the Mahanoy (St. Peter's) Church, where he owned the eighty-five-acre farm now the property of his son Andrew L. Bucher. He was a lifelong farmer and prospered in his work, about 1860 building what is now the west end of the dwelling on the farm, and in 1868 putting up the barn which is still in use. He was a useful and highly esteemed member of the community, serving as school director, tax collector and assessor, and he was a very active member of the Reformed congregation at St. Peter's Church, of which he was deacon, elder, trustee and treasurer. In political conviction he was a Republican. He died in April, 1894, aged seventy-four years, four months, fourteen days, and is buried with his wife at Mahanoy. Her name was Elizabeth Lenker, and she was born Dec. 7, 1827, daughter of Michael Lenker, of Lower Mahanoy township; she died in September, 1888, aged sixty years, nine months, nine days. Mr. and Mrs. Bucher had five children: Mary married Isaac O. Billman; Sallie married Jacob Smith; Amanda married I. M. Wentzel; E. Alice died aged twenty-six years; Andrew L. was the only son.

Andrew L. Bucher was born March 16, 1861, and received his education in the common schools. He was reared to farm life, and began farming for himself on the homestead in 1884, since which year he has continued to follow general agricultural pursuits, disposing of his produce at Trevorton and Shamokin; he has been huckstering for a number of years. He is also agent for fertilizers, and is a successful business man, recognized as such by all his neighbors and associates. The

homestead, which came into his possession in 1897, is nicely located, overlooking Mahanoy and Mahanoy Church, and it is equipped with substantial buildings. Mr. Bucher is a Republican, and has been school director of his township, but his principal activity outside of his private affairs is in St. Peter's Church, of which he has been a trustee many years; formerly he held the office of deacon. He has served the congregation faithfully, and takes a sincere interest in the welfare of the church.

Mr. Bucher has the old grandfather clock of his grandfather Dieter Bucher, which is still a good timepiece, though fully one hundred and fifty years old. It has a brass face, and besides marking the hours and minutes shows the date and the movements of the moon. Mr. Bucher also has a lot of red chinaware that belonged to his father.

On Oct. 23, 1881, Mr. Bucher married Sarah A. Blasser, daughter of Jacob Blasser, of Herndon. She died May 21, 1895, aged thirty-two years, three months, leaving a son, Charles E., who is now employed as a tombstone cutter at Mahanoy; he married Mary Harris and has two children, Guy and Stanley. Mr. Bucher's second marriage was to Lizzie Latsha, daughter of Adam W. and Wilhelmina (Fegley) Latsha, and they have three children: I. May, Harry F. and John J.

Jacob Billman, grandfather of Isaac O. Billman, who married Mary Bucher, daughter of Andrew Bucher and sister of Andrew L. Bucher, belonged to a family which was settled in Berks county, Pa., in an early day and was himself a pioneer of Schuylkill county. He married Maria Magdalena Weaver, and their children were: Maria (or Polly, who married Jacob Tressler), Solomon, Peter, Daniel, Jacob and David.

Solomon Billman, son of Jacob, was born Sept. 24, 1812, in the vicinity of Hegins, Schuylkill county, where his father then lived. He died near Mahanoy, Pa., at the age of seventy-eight years, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy. His first marriage was to Luzetta Ossman, by whom he had three children, Isaac O., Amos and Solomon. By his second wife, Salome (Michael), he had four: Aaron, Lizzie, Sarah and Mary.

Isaac O. Billman, son of Solomon, was born in 1839, and died in 1904. He married Mary Bucher, and to them were born the following children: Agnes, George, Charles, J. Calvin, Lizzie, Vernon and Lester.

ALFRED CAMERON BOBB, of Paxinos, justice of the peace and surveyor, and also well and favorably known in other connections in his section of Northumberland county, was born at Paxinos June 11, 1873, son of the late Peter G. Bobb.

Michael Bobb, the first of this family to come to America, was born in Germany, and settled in Jackson township, Northumberland Co., Pa. His

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Jacob Billman's wife here given is WEAVER, however, Jacob Billman's numerous grand and great grand children and two grand c children, Aaron Billman(Solomon-Jacob) and his sister Mary(Billman) Reitz) note in their family history letters that Mrs. Jacob Billman's maiden name was MARY MAGDALENA MAURER(MOWERY-MOWER-MOWERR).

Perhaps a clerical or typographical error, or he may have had a first wife who only lived a short time and left no children.

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son, Michael M. Bobb, was born Sept. 28, 1812, at Big Mahanoy, Northumberland Co., Pa., and grew to manhood in Lower Augusta township, this county. There he followed the tailor's trade for about nine years, in 1852 removing to Shamokin township, where he located at Snufftown. At that place he followed farming in addition to his trade. Selling out later he moved to near Mifflinburg in Union county, where he carried on farming, and thence removed to Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, where he passed the remainder of his life, living in retirement for some time before his death, which occurred when he was seventy-two years old. His wife, Elizabeth (Gonsar), was a daughter of Daniel Gonsar, a farmer of Jackson township, this county, who died at the age of sixty-two years. Mrs. Bobb survived her husband nine years, dying at the age of seventy-five. She and her husband were members of the Lutheran Church. They had a family of twelve children: Mary Ann (deceased) married J. A. Treats, a resident of Snufftown; Daniel operates a planing mill in Sunbury; Elizabeth (deceased) married William Biles, of Mount Carmel, Pa.; Caroline became the wife of Jacob Dundore (deceased), a cattle drover; Peter G. is mentioned below; Sarah married C. Frederick Lindig, of Lewisburg, Pa.; William W. is deceased; Michael died young; Franklin Pierce, who married Mary Bone, operates a planing mill at East Lewisburg, Pa.; Louisa, widow of James Havens, lives in Lewisburg; Lucy married Wilson Russell, of Lewisburg, Pa.; Catherine, unmarried, lives in Sunbury.

PETER G. BOBB, son of Michael M., was born Sept. 28, 1842, in Jackson township, this county, and lived at home until he reached the age of eighteen, meantime receiving public school opportunities, as did his brothers and sisters. He then taught school for two years, after which he clerked for John Nesbit, in his store at Paxinos, three years. After 1867 he embarked in the general mercantile business for himself, at Paxinos, continuing only a short time, however, when he sold out to Thomas Metz, subsequently clerking for another three years. He was appointed postmaster at Paxinos, and filled that office for twenty-three years continuously. In 1871 he was appointed ticket and freight agent at Paxinos for the Northern Central Railroad Company, holding that position until 1894, after which he started the business in which his son Alfred C. Bobb succeeded him, dealing in farm implements of all kinds, harness, whips, coal, fertilizers, etc. He also owned two farms in Ralpho township. He lived in Paxinos for over forty years, and became one of its foremost citizens, esteemed by all who knew him. He died Feb. 8, 1899, and is buried in Pine Hill cemetery, in Ralpho township. Mr. Bobb was always a staunch Republican, and in June, 1863, he enlisted in Company A, 28th Regiment, Penn-

sylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving until June 27, 1863. He never sought office or took any particularly active part in politics, but he was an influential citizen of his community for many years and one in whom his fellow citizens took pride, for he was a self-made man and one of the most creditable residents of the town. He was a worthy and active member of the Methodist Church.

In 1865 Mr. Bobb married Mary Jane Fisher, daughter of John and Hannah (Yocum) Fisher, and she survives him, still residing in Paxinos. Four children were born to this union: Bessie married John H. Kase, formerly a farmer of Mayberry township, Montour Co., Pa., now living at Elysburg; Carrie Belle married H. M. Fetterolf and they reside in Berwick, Pa.; Alfred C. is mentioned below; Mildred P. married Charles L. Pensyl and is living at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

Alfred Cameron Bobb received his early education in the local public schools, later attending the Bloomsburg State normal school, from which he was graduated in 1895. He also took a post-graduate course at that institution, finishing same in 1897. His experience as a teacher covered three years, one year at Reed's, one year at Deiblers and one year at Paxinos. He then took the management of the implement business established by his father, at Paxinos, and carried it on successfully for a number of years, selling out to N. G. Adams May 28, 1910. He is now devoting the greater part of his time to surveying in his own district. His attention is also taken up to a large extent with his musical interests. He organized the Paxinos band, which is composed of twenty-three men, and is the leader of that body, which is well known in this region and in popular demand. In 1904 Mr. Bobb was elected justice of the peace, and was reelected at the close of the term, being still in office. His political affiliations are with the Republican party. He belongs to the Methodist Church at Elysburg, and socially holds membership in Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M. (of which he is a past master), and in the Modern Woodmen.

In July, 1904, Mr. Bobb married Viola H. Pensyl, daughter of William and Harriet (Hull) Pensyl, of Elysburg, and they are the parents of two daughters, Winifred and Dorothy.

On the maternal side Mr. Bobb is a member of the Fisher family, being a descendant of Joseph and Catharine (Minegar) Fisher, natives of Germany, the former born in April, 1734, the latter in August, 1746. They were married June 5, 1764. It is claimed they settled near the site of Catawissa, in what is now Columbia county, Pa., some time in the eighteenth century, but evidently they had previously lived in Bradford county, where their oldest son, Henry, was born July 25, 1767. He resided in Columbia county, whence

he removed to Northumberland county. To Joseph Fisher and his wife were born the following children: Catharine, Mrs. Nicholas Shipman; Henry; Mary; Mrs. Samuel Mutchler; Hannah, Mrs. Caleb Farlee; Elizabeth; John; Moses; David; Jacob; and Joseph.

Henry Fisher, eldest son of Joseph, came from Columbia county to Northumberland county, locating upon the land now owned by Peter Leisenring, where he built a gristmill and tavern which he operated many years. He also owned about eighteen acres of land adjacent to the hotel and mill property. His death occurred about 1825, after which all his family except his son John left Northumberland county. He was the father of eight children: Jacob, John, Caleb, Clotworthy, Joseph, Sarah, Elizabeth and Catharine.

John Fisher, son of Henry, was born Sept. 20, 1800, in Columbia county, and learned the trade of miller. After the old mill property passed into the hands of the Leisenring family, he was engaged as miller for them until 1851, at which time he purchased the Sober mill (now known as Reed's mill) on Shamokin creek, which he operated until 1873. Meantime he also conducted his farm of eighty acres. Then he purchased two farms in Ralpho township, one of which his son Albert S. later occupied, the other passing into the possession of his daughter Mrs. Charles Paul. John Fisher died Sept. 17, 1881. He was a Republican in politics, in religion a member of the Methodist Church. His wife, Hannah (Yocum), daughter of Nicholas Yocum, died Aug. 11, 1889. They were the parents of fourteen children, two of whom, Jacob F. and James B., died young, the others being as follows: Clotworthy, of Snyder county, married Sabina Stambach; Sarah married Joseph Sanders; Nicholas Y., of Indiana, married Julia Haas; Esther is the widow of Charles Martz, of Shamokin; Charles, formerly of Columbia county, lives near Bear Gap; Catharine married Samuel Adams and (second) John McWilliams, of Kansas; Peter, who married Hannah Yocum, was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, while serving in the Union army as a member of Company C, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers; Albert S., born March 2, 1843, married Mary Martz and lives in Ralpho township; Harvey E., of Boston, Mass., married Savilla Repley, (second) Emma Treibley, and (third) Mollie Neely; Margaret, widow of Franklin Martz (of Columbia county), resides at Paxinos; Alice, deceased, was the wife of Charles Paul; Mary J. is the widow of Peter G. Bobb, of Paxinos.

WILLIAM B. GOTTSBALL, of Sunbury, member of the firm of Blank & Gottshall, leading millers in their section, was born in March, 1860, near Schwenkville, Montgomery Co., Pa., and belongs to a family which has been prominent in

that county, especially in its connection with the ministry of the Mennonite Church, from early Colonial days.

Rev. Jacob Gottshall, who came over from Holland in 1702, is said to be the direct ancestor of all of the name in Montgomery and surrounding counties. He was a minister of the Mennonite Church, well educated, energetic and self-sacrificing. He was one of the three translators, from Dutch to German, of the celebrated "Mirror of Martyrs" (1601)—a translation that was one of the important literary achievements of Colonial Pennsylvania. The date of his death and place of burial are not known. He preached many years at Skippack, and may be buried at the old Mennonite Lower Skippack church, or he may be buried at Germantown (where he first settled) in the cemetery surrounding the oldest Mennonite Church in America, built in 1770, on the site of the log church erected in 1708. Some of his children settled in Montgomery county.

Gottshall Gottschalk, great-grandfather of William B. Gottshall, settled in Frederick township, Montgomery county, in 1781, and his old homestead is now owned by M. C. Gottshall, a cousin of William B. Gottshall. He was a weaver by trade, and followed that occupation in connection with farming, doing an excellent business, and at his death in 1824 he left a fine farm of 246 acres to be divided between his two sons, Dillman and William.

William Gottshall, grandfather of William B. Gottshall, was born in 1784, and lived to a good old age, dying in his ninety-second year. He was a Mennonite and is buried at the Schwenkville meetinghouse. He inherited the farm above mentioned as belonging now to M. C. Gottshall, located one mile west of Schwenkville, in Montgomery county, and there lived and died. He married Magdalena Hunsberger, and to them were born thirteen children, eleven sons and two daughters, namely: William, who died in Montgomery county in 1901, at the age of ninety-five; Dillman, who died in Montgomery county; Andrew, who died at Collegeville, Pa.; Abraham, who died in infancy; Abraham (2); Gottshall, who died at Schwenkville; Joseph, who died in Spring City, Chester county; Adam, of Uniontown (Pillow), Northumberland county; Jacob, who died young; John, of Philadelphia; Moses H., a minister of the Mennonite Church, who died in 1888 on the old homestead in Montgomery county; Mrs. Jacob Unstead, and Mrs. Bergy (one of these daughters was named Elizabeth, the other Hannah).

Abraham Gottshall, son of William, was born at Schwenkville, Montgomery county, in 1826, and died April 1, 1901; he is buried in the Mennonite cemetery at Bally, Berks county. He lived at Niantic, Montgomery county, where he owned a farm of fifty-four acres, and followed farming, be-

ing an industrious, thrifty and respected citizen. From the age of forty, for a period of thirty-five years, he was like so many members of the family a preacher in the Mennonite Church; he was a New Mennonite. He married Maria Bauman, daughter of John and Magdalena (Bauer) Bauman, of Niantic, from Huber's Church, and they had the following children: Menno is a merchant of Boyertown, Berks county; Abraham died when six years old; Rev. John, twin of Abraham, is a well known evangelist, now located at York, Pa.; William B. is mentioned below; Milton is a resident of Boyertown; Abraham lives at Sunbury, Pa.; Frank B. is in business at Boyertown; Diana died aged fourteen years; Elizabeth, of Boyertown, died at the age of forty, unmarried; Mary (deceased) married Daniel Urfer of Schwenkville; Catharine is the wife of Harry Reigner, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

William B. Gottshall received his education in the public schools and learned the trade of millwright with Daniel Bowman, at Sumneytown, Montgomery county, later working for Wolf & Hamaker, of Chambersburg, Pa. He followed his trade for a period of seven years before forming his present partnership, with Charles F. Blank, in 1888. They have since done business together under the firm name of Blank & Gottshall. After running the H. M. Haas flour mill at the east end of town from 1888 until 1895, they began to operate the new mill in the spring of the latter year, its capacity being 100 barrels daily, and Blank & Gottshall have since conducted one of the leading establishments of the kind in this section. In 1900 the mill was enlarged from 100-barrel capacity, to 200-barrel on wheat flour, and they have since added a complete rye mill with 75-barrel capacity daily, and a 75-barrel buckwheat and cornmeal mill; 40 tons of feed are the daily output in that line, and the plant has a storage capacity of forty thousand bushels. At the City Roller Flouring Mills, as the plant is known, there are not only manufactured high-grade flours and all kinds of feed, but the firm also deals in grain, hay, salts and seeds, and in poultry and stock foods and remedies, and similar commodities. They do a thriving trade in the various lines into which their business has extended, and their standing in the community is of the best. Mr. Gottshall has also become interested in other fields of activity, and he is a stockholder in the Sunbury & Selinsgrove Street Car Company.

On Feb. 13, 1890, Mr. Gottshall married Flora Reinhard, daughter of Israel and Josephine Reinhard, of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

C. HULL KNAUER, shoe merchant, of Milton, Northumberland county, comes of an old family of Chester county, Pa., where he was born Nov. 19, 1859, at Knauertown, in Warwick township.

The earliest members of this family in America were John Christopher and Jacob Tobias Knauer, brothers, who came over from Germany, their native land, when young men, settling in the French Creek Valley, in Chester county, Pa., where they purchased a tract of land from the Penns. The old deed to the Penns for this land was given to John Christopher Knauer. It reads as follows:

We, Packenah, Jarekhan, Sikals, Part Quisatt, Jervis, Essepennauk, Felkhop, Hekklappeo, Wissa Pyma, Indian Kings and Sachemakers, right owners of all lands from Quigg-Quiggus, called Duck creek, unto Upland, called Chester creek, all along the west side of the Delaware river and so far between said creeks and backwards so far as a man can ride in two days on a horse, for and in consideration of these following goods to us in hand paid and secured by William Penn, Proprietor and Governor of the province of Pennsylvania and territories thereof, namely: twenty guns; twenty fathoms match-coat; 20 fathoms of strong water; 20 blankets; 20 kettles; 20 pounds of powder; 100 pounds of lead; 40 Tomahawks; 100 knives; 40 pairs of stockings; 1 Barrel Beer; 20 lbs. of red lead; 100 fathoms of wampum; 40 glass bottles; 30 pewter spoons; 195 blades; 300 tobacco pipes; 100 hanks of tobacco; 20 tobacco tongues; 20 steels; 300 flints; 30 pairs of scissors; 30 combs; 60 looking glasses; 200 needles; one kipple of salt; 30 lbs. of sugar; 5 gal. molasses; 20 tobacco boxes; 100 jews'-harps; 20 hoes; 30 gimlets; 30 wooden screw boxes; 100 strings of beads;

Do hereby acknowledge and give under our hands etc. this 2 day of Aug. 1685.

[Signed]

His mark X PACKENAH
His mark X JAREKHAN
His mark X SIKALS
His mark X PART QUISATT
His mark X JERVIS
His mark X ESSEPENNAUK
His mark X FELKHOP
His mark X HEKLLAPPEO
His mark X WISSA PYMA

Indian Kings and Sachemmakers to William Penn.

John Christopher and Jacob Tobias Knauer divided the land by a line running due north and south, each building his cabin near the line, for company as well as protection, where Knauertown has since been located. Much of the land remains in the possession of the family to this day. John Christopher's old home is still owned by a Knauer. Here, upon their land, was erected a church, probably a Mennonite meetinghouse, as the old burying-ground still bears the name Seven Days' graveyard. In this burying ground are the remains of John Christopher and Jacob Tobias Knauer, and some of their descendants are also buried there. The names of their wives are not known. Jacob Tobias Knauer had three children: Christopher, Jr., Amos and Jacob.

John Christopher Knauer, who was the ancestor of C. Hull Knauer, was born Oct. 4, 1702, in Coburg, Germany. His children were: Samuel, David, Daniel, Jonathan, Tobias, Mary (married a Hetherby), Rebecca (married a Brunner) and John.

John Knauer, son of John Christopher Knauer,

one of the two brothers who came to America, was born in 1752, and died April 2, 1825, aged seventy-two years, ten months, seven days. He erected the first flour and saw mill at Knauertown, log structures, and he followed farming and milling all his life. There were five Knauer flour mills in Chester county. His children were as follows: John, born Dec. 12, 1778, died July 28, 1845; Daniel, born May 6, 1780, died April 7, 1859 (Daniel Knauer was his only son); Samuel, born May 3, 1784, died Aug. 14, 1856 (his sons were Samuel, Isaiah and Nathan); David, born June 10, 1786, died Aug. 14, 1856 (Thomas, Daniel and Davis Knauer were his sons); Jonathan (C. Hull's grandfather), born July 17, 1788, died June 2, 1848; Tobias, born Oct. 6, 1790, died Oct. 18, 1845.

Jonathan Knauer, son of John, born July 17, 1788, died June 2, 1848. Like his father he followed milling and the manufacture of lumber all his active years. He replaced the old log mills with stone structures which are still standing, owned by Morris Knauer and in operation. He married a Miss Rice, who long predeceased him, and to them were born five children: Jonathan, Joshua, Hannah (married Evan Dampman), Rebecca and Maria (married Henderson Esseck).

Prior to the Revolutionary war and during that period the Knauers had much to do with the settling up of this part of Chester county and operated the Warwick Furnaces, manufacturing cannon and similar supplies for the Continental army. John Knauer (son of Christopher) owned and operated ironworks at Knauertown and manufactured the first round iron in the United States. The British, learning of these furnaces, determined to destroy them, but the troops sent out on that mission were repulsed after proceeding as far as Fountain Inn, now a part of Phoenixville, near Valley Forge. Many of the supplies at the furnaces were hurriedly buried in plowed fields, and lost for the time being, and some of the old cannon and ordnances of war have been found within the last generation. One of the plowed-up cannon, which had been spiked and had to be set off with a fuse, was used to celebrate the Fourth of July and battalion days. At one of the battalion day meets at Knauertown the muzzle burst off and a fatal accident was barely escaped, one of the pieces coming down through the roof of a porch that was crowded with people. This old Continental cannon was later stolen, first from the Republicans and then from the Democrats, to "shoot out" of the country any Republican or Democrat moving out. As there were no wheels under it Mr. Knauer's teams and log wagon were used to haul it from place to place. Eventually, to avoid strife and conflict between the two parties, it was taken and sunk in Mr. Knauer's upper mill dam, in eighteen feet of water. But

some one "squealed," and again the opposite party obtained Mr. Knauer's log chains and hoists from his mill, and with boats and a raft to complete the equipment raised it one night and laid it away along the race bank in the woods until it was again used to "bang" another party out of the country. It was once more captured by the other party one night and taken up on the hill near the falls of French creek, where it was dropped, muzzle down, into an old abandoned well, which was filled up with rock and stone. There it still remains, but there are few living to-day that know of its existence.

In 1907, when the Fountain Inn at Phoenixville was marked and dedicated by the Sons of the American Revolution, Mr. David Knauer furnished the marker, which was taken from his granite quarries at Knauertown. This marks the inmost point of the Colonies reached by the British during the Revolution, Sept. 21-23, 1777, was erected by the borough of Phoenixville, and dedicated by the Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Sept. 21, 1907, with appropriate ceremonies, various historical societies and members of the borough and State government being among those who participated in the exercises. Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, former governor of the State, made an address, and the occasion was altogether an imposing one. It commemorated the movement of Lord Cornwallis which resulted in Washington being obliged to spend the winter with his army at Valley Forge. After the battle of Brandywine and the Paoli event Washington took possession of Philadelphia, intending to pass the winter of 1777-78 there, which would have compelled the British to remain outside of the city. Lord Cornwallis led Washington to believe he was going with his army to Reading, to destroy the materials of war there stored, and Washington, therefore, occupied the country north of Phoenixville. Then Cornwallis, with his left wing resting on the French creek and his right wing near Valley Forge, got his army across the Schuylkill, near Phoenixville at Gordon's Ford, and took his troops to Philadelphia, where he remained. Thus it was that Washington came to spend the memorable winter at Valley Forge.

Joshua Knauer, son of Jonathan and father of C. Hull Knauer, was born Feb. 20, 1820, at Knauertown, Chester county, and died March 31, 1886, aged sixty-six years, one month, eleven days. He succeeded his father, engaging in flour milling and the manufacture of lumber and shingles, purchasing the old mills which had been in the family for so many years and which he continued to operate for many years. He was a mechanical genius, as the numerous appliances with which his mills were equipped showed, the elevators, conveyors, smut machine and other improved machinery which he used being of his own invention. He

invented and used in his mills the first high power apple grinder and hydraulic presses—now in use all over the country. His flour mill was known as the best in that part of the country. There was ample water power, with several runs of burrs, in addition to which he had a plaster burr, in those days, before the advent of phosphate, grinding and selling plaster to the farmers.

Mr. Knauer was a natural-born musician and a man of considerable note in that line in his day, and was a member of the Knauertown Band, an organization composed entirely of members of the Knauer family. Here again his mechanical skill was highly useful. He made all the drums for the band, of which he was the expert tenor drummer. His brother Jonathan, also one of its members, was an expert fifer, and served as such during the Civil war, in which several members of the band enlisted. Before the Civil war, when "battalion days" were held, this band was much in demand.

Joshua Knauer married Rebecca (John) Davis, who was born Jan. 9, 1821, and died May 24, 1896. She was a descendant of Welsh Quaker stock. Griffith John, Sr., who was born in 1683 in Pembroke-shire, South Wales, landed at Philadelphia Feb. 11, 1709. He moved to the district in Chester county known as Welsh Barony and there on July 23, 1714, married Ann Williams, a daughter of Robert Williams, surnamed "the King of Goshen." Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Knauer became the parents of eleven children, of whom are mentioned: Griffith, who lives in Reading, Pa.; Dorcas, married to Benjamin P. Fout; Hannah; C. Hull; Dora; Theodosia, married to Dr. Elwood Schiner; and Ida. Six are deceased.

C. Hull Knauer received his education in the schools of his native county. When a young man he went to Phoenixville, Pa., where he acquired his early knowledge of the shoe and leather business, and in 1885 he came to Milton. Here he opened a shoe and leather store, and he has been engaged in the same line continuously to the present. In 1898, the business having outgrown the old accommodations, he purchased and remodeled the place he now occupies, a commodious and convenient building, known as the Knauer block, on Front street. He carries a large and up-to-date stock, and his store is a model of taste and neatness. His motto, "We never sleep," is typical of his enterprise and the business methods which have made him a leader in his line. His patronage is not confined to Milton and the immediate vicinity, but is drawn from all the surrounding towns, and has been increasing steadily ever since he commenced business. Mr. Knauer's jovial disposition has won him many friends among those with whom he has dealings, and his sincere desire to please his patrons and give honest values has been a factor in his success recognized by all who know him.

Although he is not a native of Milton Mr. Knauer is thoroughly identified with its various interests and devoted to its welfare, taking part in a number of movements designed to promote the prosperity of the borough. He is connected with the Methodist Church and has for some years been one of the active workers in Milton. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, having been made a Mason in Phoenix Lodge, No. 75, at Phoenixville, May 3, 1884, and transferred to Milton Lodge, No. 256, in 1897; is a member of Williamsport Lodge of Perfection; of the Chapter, Rose Croix; and of Williamsport Consistory; A. A. S. R., thirty-second degree; he was made a Shriner at Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, May 13, 1903. Coming from a family of musicians, he is himself a born musician, has organized several quartettes, and is at present a member of the Temple choir, A. A. S. R., at Williamsport, singing first tenor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hull Knauer have two sons: (1) Henry graduated from the Milton high school at the age of eighteen, immediately took and passed the examinations for entrance to Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., where he graduated June 26, 1911, with the degree of B. S., *cum laude*, making the four years' course in three and one-half years; he has entered the employ of the New York Central Railroad Company and will be located at Albany, N. Y. (2) C. Hull, Jr., is at home with his parents, a student in the Milton high school. By reason of the service of their ancestors in the Revolutionary war Mrs. Knauer and her sons are eligible for membership in the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.

SIRVETUS O. REED, of Sunbury, Northumberland county, is a teacher of long experience and high standing there and also well known in business circles as a successful insurance man, representing many of the substantial fire insurance companies. His work in both lines has made him widely acquainted all over his section of the county. He was born here, in Shamokin township, May 21, 1844, son of Farnsworth Reed, and is a great-great-grandson of Jacob Reed, whose posterity is now numerous in Northumberland county. Of this same stock is Dr. Jesse J. Reed, a prominent physician of Pillow, Pa., whose line is also given in this article; and C. Oliver Reed, of Point township, this county, is likely of the family, though his immediate forefathers were located in Union county.

Jacob Reed, the emigrant progenitor, was born in England in 1700, and married a Miss Wolford, a native of Switzerland. They came to Berks county, Pa., where a son Jacob was born, and later removed to Lebanon, Pa., where a son Casper was born.

Jacob and Casper Reed, brothers, came from Berks county to Northumberland in 1774, being among the early pioneers in the region where they

settled. They took up about five hundred acres of land in what is now Shamokin and Ralpho townships, which land is still owned by their descendants. Jacob Reed was one of the foremost men of his time in the community. He was a skilled mechanic, as a worker both in iron and wood, carrying on such work in connection with farming; having a blacksmith and carpenter shop; he had natural ability as well as training for mechanical work, and was successful and enterprising in everything he undertook. Much of the progress of the valley in his day owed its initiation to him. He was a promoter, in fact the chief advocate for the organization, of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, which was named in his honor, and he was the largest contributor toward its foundation and support, his skill as a tradesman enabling him to do much more than most of the organizers and supporters; his brother, Casper Reed, donated much of the land for the cemetery. In politics Jacob Reed was a Whig.

In Berks county Jacob Reed had married Elizabeth Dreher, and they had a family of nine children: John, Jacob, David, Matthias, Salome (married John Hursh), Catherine (married George Hower), Magdaline (married John Smith), Eva (married Daniel Haas) and Elizabeth (married William H. Muench, a noted schoolmaster of his time; he had a crippled arm).

Casper Reed, brother of Jacob, married Mary E. Bausloch. They had a son, born in 1782, who married Hannah Renn. To them was born a son Jacob, May 22, 1806, who married Maria Jones, born Aug. 4, 1808. Their children were: Mary, born Oct. 29, 1828; William, April 13, 1830; Liberty, Feb. 10, 1832; Angeline, Jan. 1, 1834; Alfred, Feb. 7, 1835; Josiah, Oct. 23, 1836; Hannah, June 13, 1838; Harriet, Oct. 13, 1841; Malissa, March 30, 1844; Jacob M., May 25, 1849; and Emma A., July 16, 1852.

John Reed, eldest son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dreher) Reed, married Eva C. Gillinger. Their children were: Jesse, Maria (married John Lake), Jacob, Elizabeth (married Casper Scholl), Hannah (married Solomon Martz) and Eva C. (married William Zuern, of Colorado).

Of this family, Jesse Reed, born in Shamokin township March 3, 1808, died June 18, 1884. In 1834 he married Charlotte, daughter of Joshua Farley, of Hunterdon county, N. J., and six children were born to them: Harriet S. (married John Shipman), John W., Farley, Catherine, Oliver and William A.

John W. Reed, son of Jesse, born Oct. 3, 1838, married in 1876 Bethiah, daughter of Robert Davison, of Montour county, Pa. They have one daughter, Kate M.

Jacob Reed, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dreher) Reed, was born in 1795. Like his father he

was very enterprising and had good executive ability, engaging successfully in various lines of work. He learned tanning and milling, and purchasing a tract of 250 acres in Shamokin township settled there and erected a carding and saw mill, which he operated in connection with the cultivation of farm land. He married Hannah Duttinger, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Leise) Duttinger, natives of Germany who emigrated to Alsace township, Berks county, about 1800, in 1819 moving to Northumberland county and settling where Deiblers station is now located. To Mr. and Mrs. Reed were born seven children: Daniel, Maria (married George Young), Simon P., Elizabeth (married John Nathan Deibler), Julianne (married John Rohrbach), William and John Jacob.

Simon P. Reed, son of Jacob and Hannah (Duttinger) Reed, was born in 1825, and in 1850 married Jane, daughter of Daniel Campbell. They had the following children: Daniel Jacob, Ambrose Alvernon (married Harriet A. Berger), Clara E. and Norman C.

David Reed, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dreher) Reed, was born on the Reed homestead in Shamokin township. He was a lifelong farmer, and owned 140 acres a mile east of Reed's church: he had thirty-five acres of land on Shamokin Hill. Like many other members of the family he is buried at St. Jacob's (or Reed's) Church, at Reeds station, and he was a Lutheran member of that church. Politically he was a Republican, though the family before the war were all Jeffersonian Democrats. His wife, Catharine (Haas), was a daughter of Peter Haas, who was a Revolutionary war soldier: they had a family of fourteen children, of whom two died small and all are now deceased but Dr. Jesse J. Reed. Those who grew to maturity were as follows: Jacob, Mary (Polly), Eve, Susanna, Louisa, Daniel, Henry, Samuel, Dr. Jesse J., Malinda, Harriet and Oscar.

JESSE J. REED, M. D., of Pillow (Uniontown), Pa., was born in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, Aug. 14, 1840. He was reared on the farm and obtained his early education in the old pay school at St. Jacob's (Reed's) church, later attending Elysburg Academy, where in time he became assistant teacher to the Rev. Jacob Wanpole, who was a leading educator of his day and for many years taught in Elysburg Academy, in connection with preaching, having six congregations in that section. During the Civil war Dr. Reed enlisted in Company C, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served nine months. Returning, he was home only three weeks when he again enlisted, for the existing emergency, in Company A, 28th Regiment, serving two months, when the regiment was discharged. He taught public school four winters (terms of four months). Dr. Reed took up the study of medicine at Shamokin with Dr. E. S. Robins, with whom he remained three

years, after which he attended Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating in the winter of 1865-66; he had completed his course, however, some time before. Locating at Centralia, in Columbia county, he shortly afterward came to Georgetown (Dalmatia), where he remained two years. In the winter of 1868 he came to Pillow (then known only as Uniontown), which is in Dauphin county, north of the Mahantango mountains. He has had a large field, over a radius of from six to twelve miles, and is now the only physician in the borough. Dr. Reed has in his long and busy career become well and favorably known as a physician, and his kindly disposition and liberal mind have made him many warm friends whose good will he enjoys. The Doctor is a Democrat and has always stood high in the confidence of his fellow citizens, having been chosen burgess of the borough of Pillow different terms, was a member of the town council, and was on the school board many years. He was a deacon and elder of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pillow, and is an all-around representative and esteemed citizen of his community. He is active for his years.

Dr. Reed's first marriage was to Catharine Leinbach, daughter of Dr. Benjamin H. Leinbach, of Pillow. She died in 1877, aged thirty-two years, the mother of five children: Elizabeth; Clara A., who married Dr. Elmer M. Hoffman (he is now deceased); Arthur Benjamin, a druggist of Philadelphia; Vinnie C., who married Charles Kessler, of Glen Union, Clinton Co., Pa.; and Jay E. On April 24, 1878, the Doctor was married (second) to Addie A. Bassler, daughter of Rev. H. S. Bassler, who was a prominent Reformed minister of Lykens Valley, Pa., preaching in Berks and Lehigh counties at old Zionsville, Lehigh county, and at Boyertown, where he was long located. Rev. Mr. Bassler married Rebecca M. Dechant, daughter of the Rev. William L. Dechant, who is buried at Oley, Pa., a foremost minister of his day and generation. Dr. and Mrs. Reed have had an only son, Dr. Henry David Reed, now a prominent practitioner at Pottstown, Pa., where he is associated with Dr. Todd.

Matthias Reed, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dreher) Reed, was born in 1790 in Shamokin township. He married Priscilla Farnsworth, of Irish Valley, moved to Rush township, and in 1833 returned to Shamokin township, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there in 1859. He was a farmer by occupation. Mr. Reed was a Whig in politics and in religious connection originally a Lutheran, later a Baptist, his wife also belonging to the latter denomination. For many years he served as a deacon in the Baptist Church. Mrs. Reed died in 1857, and she and her husband are buried at the Summit church. They were the

parents of seven children: William, Abigail, Elizabeth, Jacob, John (who was burned to death), Farnsworth and Sarah. The last named, now (1911) over eighty years old, is still living at Riverside, this county; she married Dr. Samuel Smith and after his death became the wife of William Depew.

Farnsworth Reed, son of Matthias, was born Dec. 17, 1824, in Rush township, and attended the public schools of Rush and Shamokin townships. After his marriage he lived in Shamokin township until 1866, when he moved to Point township, buying a farm of 200 acres on which he spent the remainder of his life, dying there Feb. 2, 1898. For a few years he conducted a sawmill at Trevorton. He was an energetic man and traveled quite extensively, having visited twenty States of the Union, journeyed as far west as Nebraska, and as far south as Florida. He was active in the affairs of his community, filling most of the township offices; was at one time a director of the Shamokin Bank; was well known in politics as a member of the Republican party and in religious matters as a faithful member of the Baptist Church, which he served for years as a deacon both at Northumberland and at Shamokin, where he joined in 1842. In 1843 he married Rosanna Miller, who was born Sept. 9, 1823, daughter of David Miller, late of Shamokin township, who was a descendant of George Miller, called "Hunter Miller." One of his sons, John Miller, settled in Shamokin about 1785, purchasing 1,300 acres of land there. Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth Reed were the parents of nine children: Sirvetus O.; Maria Elizabeth, who married Charles P. Seasholtz, of Upper Augusta township, and they had three children, Annie A., George G. and Clara C.; Clarissa A., who married George W. Van Devender, of Northumberland county, Pa.; Jacob A., of Nebraska; Sarah L., who married Thomas J. Vandling; Laura D., who married Charles M. Park; Harriet L., who married James B. Leshner, of Nebraska; Elmer E., of Reading, Pa.; and George M., of Laurel, Nebr. At the time of his death Farnsworth Reed had twenty living grandchildren. His widow, now (1911) eighty-eight years old, makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Seasholtz. She has thirty-six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Sirvetus O. Reed, son of Farnsworth, obtained his early education in the public schools of his native township. Shortly after the outbreak of the Civil war, though only in his eighteenth year, he enlisted in the 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the many engagements in which his command fought. At the battle of Fredericksburg he was wounded in a bayonet charge, by reason of which he was eventually discharged for disability, in March, 1863.

After his army service Mr. Reed turned his at-

tention to augmenting his early education, attending the academy at Elysburg, Northumberland county, and later Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa. For some time afterward he followed mercantile pursuits and lumbering, finally engaging in teaching, which he has followed for over thirty-six years in various graded schools (all but the primary grades). Out of school hours Mr. Reed has given his attention principally to the insurance business, in which he has built up a most substantial patronage, representing many of the leading fire insurance companies, Continental, of New York; National, of Hartford, Conn.; American, of Trenton, N. J.; and several others.

Mr. Reed married Agnes A. Beidelsbach, of Point township, Northumberland county, and they have had one daughter, Mary B., who is the wife of W. B. McCaleb, superintendent of the Philadelphia division, Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. Reed is a member of the Baptist Church, in which he is an active worker and holds office. Mrs. Reed is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In social connection he holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, the A. O. U. W. and the G. A. R. His political opinions are those of the Republican party. He is a public-spirited citizen in everything affecting the general welfare.

The grandfather of C. Oliver Reed was a native of Berks county, Pa., thence removing to Union county, where he lived and died in White Deer township, owning land and following farming. He was a Lutheran and is buried at the White Deer church. His children were: Eve, who married Jacob Dershern and lived in White Deer township; Jacob; Valentine, a resident of White Deer township; Susan; and John, a farmer near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Reed was born at his father's home in White Deer township in 1809, and died in 1869. He was a farmer and had a tract of ninety-three acres. He was a member of White Deer Church, where he is buried. His wife Susan (Cronrath) was a daughter of Daniel Cronrath, of Union county, and died in 1871, aged sixty-six years, four months. They had eleven children, as follows: William died at Watsonstown, Pa.; John died at Montgomery station, Pa.; Elizabeth died small; Harriet (deceased) married Washington Delaney; Rachel married Joseph Ramer and they live in Mifflin county, Pa.; Charles is a resident of Kelly township, Union county; Daniel lives at Milton, Pa.; Helen (deceased) married Frank Princehoff; Emma married Charles Ramsey and died in Mifflin county, Pa.; C. Oliver is mentioned later; Samuel died aged two years.

C. OLIVER REED, of Point township, Northumberland county, was born on the Reed homestead in Kelly township, Union county, Nov. 5, 1855. He was educated in the public schools and reared

to farming pursuits. His father dying when he was fifteen years old he helped his mother for nine years, after which he labored for six years among farmers in Union and Lycoming counties. At the end of that time he was married, March 16, 1885, to Emma Dieffenbach, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Truckenmiller) Dieffenbach, of Delaware township, Northumberland county, and granddaughter of Solomon Truckenmiller, a native of Berks county. They have had one child, Elsie May. After his marriage Mr. Reed went out to Ogle county, Ill., where he remained for ten years, engaged as a farmer, and then went to Appanoose county, Iowa, where he farmed for three years. Removing to the central part of the same State, into Story county, he farmed there five years, in 1902 coming back to Pennsylvania. In 1904 he purchased the George Ditzler farm, in Point township, along the North Branch of the Susquehanna, which is one of the best farms in the district, consisting of 140 acres, nicely located, with excellent buildings. Mr. Reed is a general farmer and has prospered deservedly. He owned four farms in Iowa, and made considerable in this field of speculation. For one tract of ninety-eight acres located at State College, at Ames, Story Co., Iowa, he paid \$73 an acre, and sold it for \$98 an acre after holding it one year. Mr. Reed is modern and intelligent in his methods, and on the alert always for progress in his line. He is a Republican in politics. While at Ames, Iowa, he and his family became members of the Christian Church.

GEORGE O. MARTZ, of Shamokin, secretary of the Roaring Creek Water Company, was born in that borough June 4, 1842, son of Solomon Martz and a great-grandson of David Martz. The early members of the Martz family in America came from Germany and settled in Berks county, Pa., whence David Martz moved into Northumberland.

David Martz and his brother Jacob moved from Berks county toward the close of the eighteenth century, settling on Shamokin creek, three miles south of Sunbury. He was a blacksmith, and followed his trade in connection with farming. He married Barbara Miller, and they had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters: David, Henry, Peter, Abraham and George, all of whom but Henry moved to Dayton, Ohio, where they died; Susan, who married John Richstine, and Elizabeth, who married Abraham Arter.

Henry Martz, son of David, was born on the homestead in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and was a farmer by occupation. He married Elizabeth Fagely, daughter of Christian and Magdalena Fagely, pioneers of Shamokin township. Mr. and Mrs. Martz both died in Shamokin and are buried in St. Peter's graveyard. They had six children: Hettie, Katie, Mary Ann, George, Solomon and Nathan, all now deceased.

but Nathan, who resides in Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Solomon Martz, son of Henry, was born March 22, 1818, in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, and when seven years old went to live with his uncle, Solomon Fagely, in Shamokin township, remaining with him until he was eighteen years old. He then entered the employ of his uncles Amos, George and Nathan Fagely, who had a store at Mauch Chunk, clerking there sixteen months. Returning to Shamokin he engaged with William and Reuben Fagely in a similar capacity, continuing for a year, after which he went to Mount Carmel to work for Solomon Fagely, who kept a tavern there. He remained with him a year. At that time a stage line was started between Mount Carmel and Shamokin, and he was appointed driver and mail carrier, working as such for a few months. He then took the same position on the stage line between Pottsville and Northumberland, for one year, and he was the last survivor of those connected with this method of transportation in central Pennsylvania at that time. Returning to Shamokin, he was elected supervisor of Coal township, having charge of the roads from Mount Carmel to Trevorton, and filled that office two years. During the next seven years he was engaged in hauling coal over the railroad from Shamokin to Sunbury for William and Reuben Fagely, under contract, at the end of that time settling on the farm at Reed station where he passed the remainder of his days. He died Oct. 4, 1894, in his seventy-seventh year, and is buried at Reed's church.

Mr. Martz was always interested in the welfare of the community and the success of those enterprises that affected all its members. His generosity to those less fortunate than himself, his benevolence to all philanthropic movements, his sympathy with all who needed it, were as much the cause of the esteem he enjoyed as his industrious and successful career. He and his family attended the German Reformed Church, and when St. Jacob's (Reed's) was rebuilt, in 1870, he contributed all the brick necessary, one hundred thousand, his children giving the money to erect the steeple, \$1,200. In politics he was a staunch Republican and greatly interested in the success of the party, though he never had any political aspirations for himself. He was overseer of the poor for one year after settling in Shamokin township.

On April 6, 1841, Mr. Martz married Hannah Reed, born in 1815, died Dec. 15, 1895, aged eighty years, daughter of John and Eva (Howard) Reed, of Shamokin township, and to this union were born seven children: George O.; William F., who died young; Isabella, who died in 1875, aged thirty-one years; Sophronia, who died in 1874, at the age of thirty-three years; Reuben F., John Henry and Jesse R., all of whom live at Reed station, Jesse being on part of the old homestead.

George O. Martz received his education in the public schools of the home locality, and was ten years old when he moved with his parents on to the home place in Shamokin township. When he was seventeen years old he went to Locust Gap, where he took the position of bookkeeper with Haas & Bowen, proprietors of the Locust Gap colliery. In January, 1864, he came to Shamokin to take a similar position at the Cameron colliery, where he subsequently became outside foreman. In 1869 he became a member of the firm of Haas, Fagely & Co., who then operated that colliery, and in July, 1872, the firm of Fagely & Martz, merchants, was organized. Subsequently he became a member of the firm of Patterson, Llewellyn & Co., who operated the Big Mountain colliery, and he continued his interest in the coal business until a year before that colliery was purchased by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company. In 1872 he commenced the lime business, about 1888 commencing the manufacture of wood-burned lime, for building purposes, burning the first made in that part of the State.

Mr. Martz has been a leader in supporting movements for the advancement and material improvement of the town, having long been a director of the Shamokin Banking Company (of which he was one of the organizers), a director and secretary of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, a director of the Shamokin Arc Light Company, secretary and director of the Shamokin Water Company, and of the Roaring Creek, Anthracite and Bear Gap Water Companies. He is still secretary of the Roaring Creek Water Company. He is a member of the Shamokin Board of Trade, and in every way has done his share toward bringing the borough up to the standard of modern business ideals.

On Sept. 2, 1865, Mr. Martz married Emma L. Keener, of Schuylkill Haven, Pa., and they reside in their home at No. 141 East Sunbury street, Shamokin. They have had one daughter, Ada G., who married H. C. Beury and resides in Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Beury have three children, William M., Emma L. and Susanna G.

In politics Mr. Martz has always been a staunch Republican. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company A, 28th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

MARTZ. The Martz family has been settled in Northumberland county for over a century, and David P. Martz, now retired, of Ralpho township, occupies part of his father's old homestead, living along the Central turnpike. Edward H. Martz, of Shamokin, is a nephew of David P. Martz, being a son of Franklin Martz.

David Martz, father of David P. Martz and grandfather of Edward H. Martz, was born Oct. 15, 1802, in Lower Augusta township, Northum-

berland county, and died Nov. 11, 1855. Shortly after his marriage he located at Paxinos and owned and operated a fulling-mill there, being quite successful in business. He was a respected man, and for many years was chosen to serve as justice of the peace at Paxinos. His wife, Hannah (Evert), born Oct. 6, 1804, died June 9, 1880, and they are buried at the Blue church in Ralpho township. Children: Eliza died unmarried; Henry, who was a teacher, died unmarried; Margaret married David Adams; Sarah married Emanuel Artman; Franklin is mentioned below; Mary married Albert Fisher; David is mentioned below; John, twin of David, is deceased; Hannah married Jackson Hoffman; Susan died young.

Franklin Martz, son of David, was born Dec. 12, 1835, in Northumberland county, was reared upon a farm and learned the carpenter's trade, following both farming and carpentry. He died near Paxinos in July, 1887, and is buried at the Blue church. His wife, Margaret (Fisher), a native of Northumberland county, daughter of John Fisher, still survives, residing at Paxinos. She is a member of the German Reformed Church, as was also Mr. Martz. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom are living: Edward H.; William, who lives in Shamokin; Bertha M., married to Frank Wertley; Catharine A., married to William Kriegbaum; and Clarence C., living at Paxinos.

EDWARD H. MARTZ has been engaged in the livery business at Shamokin since 1889, at present in partnership with Jacob I. McCollum. He has a large patronage and is counted among the substantial citizens of the borough, where he has been located practically throughout his business life. He was born Jan. 3, 1867, at Paxinos, Northumberland county, son of Franklin Martz, and received his education in the public schools. During his boyhood he did farm work and later was employed at the mines for three years before entering his present line. In 1889 he purchased a half interest in the livery and feed business of C. M. Adams, and subsequently admitted Andrew G. Murray to a partnership, being associated with him for seven years under the name of Martz & Murray. Mr. Murray withdrew from the firm in 1899 and the business is now conducted by Mr. Martz and his father-in-law, Jacob I. McCollum. Their stable is located at Rock and Webster streets, and they keep about thirty-five horses, having a constant and profitable trade. They are up-to-date in management and methods as well as equipment and enjoy a reputation second to none in the place. Mr. Martz has prospered, and besides his business owns a fine farm in Ralpho township, consisting of 195 acres located on the main road leading from Paxinos to Bear Gap.

Mr. Martz has been twice married. His first wife, Hannah Brocious, daughter of John H. Brocious, died in June, 1903, leaving one daughter,

Helen. By his second wife, Mamie McCollum, daughter of Jacob I. McCollum, he has had one son, John Edwin.

Fraternally Mr. Martz holds membership in the B. P. O. E., P. O. S. of A. and Knights of Malta. He is a Republican in political preference.

DAVID P. MARTZ, son of David, was born April 16, 1840, in Ralpho township, with which he has been identified throughout his long life. He was reared upon the farm and in his boyhood attended the public schools of the locality. When a young man he commenced to learn milling, but never followed it to any extent. On Sept. 10, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, 50th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served throughout the Civil war, receiving his honorable discharge Aug. 5, 1865. He was in twenty-nine battles, with the Army of the Potomac, among them the important engagements at Hilton Head, Antietam, South Mountain, Fredericksburg, Bull Run, Vicksburg, the Wilderness, Knoxville, etc. He was wounded four times, twice in the head and twice in the right leg. At the close of his army service Mr. Martz began farming for himself, settling upon his present property, a farm of 101 acres at Paxinos, lying along the old Central turnpike. It is part of the old Martz homestead. On this place Mr. Martz erected a substantial barn and outbuildings, and in 1873 he put up a sawmill on the site formerly occupied by a fulling-mill. He operated it for some time. Since 1907 he has been retired from the more active duties of the farm, enjoying the fruits of his early labors. He is a citizen of the highest worth, deserving the confidence of his fellow men, and is a much respected member of the community. He has served the township three years as school director, is a member of Progress Grange, P. of H., and is active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he belongs, serving as steward and teacher in the Sunday school. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

On Dec. 12, 1869, Mr. Martz married Rebecca C. Repley, daughter of John and Rachel Repley. She died Oct. 6, 1900, and is buried at the Oak Grove church in Ralpho township. To this marriage were born children as follows: John W. is living at Norfolk, Va.; Grace is married to William C. Bower and has two children, Lois and Leona; Nora is the wife of Wilson Willow, living in Ralpho township, and has two children, Ellen and Alfred; Ruth married Harrison Erdman, living in Shamokin, and has one child, Mildred.

REV. CHARLES J. GALLIGAN, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Locust Gap, Northumberland county, who has just celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of his ordination, beloved by his flock and respected by people of all religious denominations, is a native of New York City, and

first saw the light of day in July, 1863. Graduating from Manhattan College in 1884 he assumed the study of his natural vocation and witnessed the consummation of his cherished ideal when he was elevated to the priesthood, by Bishop Curtis, of Baltimore Seminary, Feb. 7, 1890. His career since has been marked by continuous success in his chosen field of goodness. His zeal and fidelity to the different laity who have been under his spiritual care furnish an example to all laborers in Christ's Vineyard. During his career he has seen service at Harrisburg, Marietta, York, Renova, Mount Carmel and Lykens, being transferred to his present location April 27, 1908. In a constructive sense he exhibited his personal influence and business ability by paying off an indebtedness of long standing on his church at Marietta. He has made many improvements at Locust Gap, but his crowning achievement in this direction was the erection of St. Patrick's Church, at York, which is a credit to the city and will ever stand as a monument to Father Galligan's taste and industry. It is in the spiritual work, however, that Father Galligan loves to exercise his faculties. He is, therefore, beloved by his congregation, a credit to his church and to the vocation for which he has such natural fitness, and the duties of which he has so creditably discharged. He is, par excellence, an ideal priest.

KAUFFMAN. The Kauffmans of Northumberland county have been settled there for several generations, but the earlier representatives of this name in the United States were residents of Berks county, where many Kauffmans are to be found to this day.

On Sept. 15, 1749, one Jacob Kauffman landed in the United States, having come hither in the ship "Phoenix," with 550 other passengers from Zweibrucken, Nassau. Wurtemberg and the Palatinate. He and two brothers located in Lancaster county, Pa., but the land there was not what he wanted, so he did not remain long. He did not want to undertake the work of clearing away the forests which then covered that region, and land which could be converted into meadows, to raise hay to feed his stock, seemed to him more desirable, so with one brother he settled in Berks county, in Bern (now Upper Bern) township. He took up a large tract of land in the fertile valley at the foot of the Blue Mountain, near the present site of St. Michael's church, receiving a patent for about seven hundred acres, part of which was meadow land, with an abundant water supply. He built a log house with a cellar, particularly adapted for defense against the Indians, there being no opening which afforded an easy entrance, and an attack could be repelled by shooting from a window. The few settlers in the vicinity at that time suffered much from the treachery and depreda-

tions of the Indians, and they accordingly established a military post, the men carrying their guns when they went forth to their work in the morning and returning to the fort when their day's work was done. This state of affairs continued from 1754 to 1764, but with all their precautions about one hundred settlers were killed, a brother of Jacob Kauffman being among the number. Jacob Kauffman himself had many thrilling adventures and some narrow escapes from death, but he continued to work and prosper and in time became a well-to-do man. In later years he built a substantial stone mansion upon this farm, and this dwelling is still standing in a good state of preservation. He followed farming on his old homestead until his death in 1804, and he left a tract of a little over one hundred acres (the old homestead) to his son Yost; this is now owned by the John Kauffman Estate, the sixth generation. Jacob Kauffman was buried at St. Michael's church, of which he was one of the promoters and an active member. He reared a large family of children, and it is said that his sons became great hunters, deer in that day being very plentiful in their section. Tradition has it that a gun now owned by one of his descendants has killed as many as two hundred deer.

Philip Kauffman, son of Jacob, born Dec. 21, 1757, died Nov. 17, 1843. He was buried at St. Michael's Lutheran church, of which he was a member. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. For many years he carried on farming, living on a portion of the original tract taken up by his father, where he remained until his death. He married Magdalena Seaman, daughter of Ludwig Seaman, and to them were born eleven children, seven sons and four daughters.

Jacob and Samuel Kauffman, brothers, who emigrated from Switzerland to America in 1770, have many descendants in Berks county, the former settling in the Oley Valley and the latter in Maiden-creek, where he became a very prosperous farmer and stock dealer and a man well and favorably known in his vicinity. The name of his wife is not known, but it is known that their son, Samuel, married Catharine Berndt and had a large family, among whom were: John G., Samuel, Daniel, David and two daughters, one of whom married a Mr. Sell, the other David Haas. In religious belief the family were members of the Reformed denomination. The Kauffmans were Whigs up to the time of the formation of the Republican party, when many joined the latter organization.

There is a very old family of Kauffmans in Oley township, Berks county, which was founded there between 1720 and 1734 by David Kauffman, who came there from Germantown, Pa., where his

mother resided. In 1734 he obtained a warrant for land from the Penns for property located in Oley township, Philadelphia (now Berks) county. This warrant bears the date May 24, 1734, and is for one hundred acres located in the eastern part of the township, and part of this property is still in the possession of the family; being the property of Frank Y. Kaufman. Later David obtained another warrant, under date of July 1, 1740, for 54 acres, 154 perches. This tract adjoined the former one, and part of it is also owned by Frank Y. Kaufman. In addition to this property David owned 200 acres (now owned by his descendants Ephraim K. Kauffman and Frank Y.), which he obtained prior to 1734, his holdings totaling 354 acres, admitted to be among the very choicest land of the township. Upon this property he erected buildings, since replaced by those of more modern construction, but in their day considered models of convenience and elegance. He is buried in a private burying ground upon the premises and his resting place is marked by a limestone without any inscription. Five generations are buried in that little plot. His wife, Veronica, in 1763, with her other children, released the property to her son Jacob. In the release it is stated that she was the widow of David, and therefore it is evident that David died some time prior to 1763. This release is signed by the widow and her children, who were as follows: Annie Yoder, Mary Shenkle, Barbara Lasker, and John, who settled in Maiden-creek township, where his descendants still reside. It is evident that David had but two sons, Jacob and John.

Another interesting fact revealed by the records of the township is that in 1758 and 1759 Jacob Kauffman paid heavy taxes in Oley township, his assessment being thirty pounds.

David, the original ancestor of this Oley township family, had a brother Jacob who died without will, and his mother, Anna, of Philadelphia county, took out letters of administration in 1732, the letters stating that she was his mother and next of kin. Anna, mother of David and Jacob, made a will in which she bequeathed the grandfather clock to David, and the balance of her estate to all the children of her son David, except David's son John, who was left out.

Jacob Kauffman, son of David, obtained the family estate in 1763, as above stated, purchasing it from the other heirs, and he retained it until his death, residing upon the property and engaging in farming. His wife was a member of the family of Hill, and among their children were: Jacob, John, Nicholas, Peter, Samuel and David.

There is a tradition in the family that two of these sons, David and Nicholas, settled in Union county, Pa., and that Samuel settled in the State of Indiana. It is also believed that a son of the first Jacob located in the then wilds of Texas,

where a county, a town, a paper and a postoffice bear the family name.

Daniel Kauffman, son of Leonard, was born on Jan. 17, 1804, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and died in 1889, aged eighty-four years, in Lower Augusta township, this county. He followed farming all his life, renting until he was able to have his own property, and he purchased the farm of 150 acres in Lower Augusta now owned by H. S. Bowersox. He is buried in that township, at the St. Elias Union church. Daniel Kauffman married Mary Ressler, born Aug. 23, 1807, who died in 1885. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, she of the Reformed denomination. They had children as follows: Sallie, who married Samuel Conrad; John R., who lives at Sunbury, this county; Elizabeth, who died an infant; Eliza, who died of smallpox after reaching maturity; Daniel, also of Sunbury; Levi; Caroline, of Sunbury, widow of James Coldren; Mary, who married Hiram Savage; Levi; Melinda, widow of Isaiah J. Renn; Lucy, of Buchanan, Mich., widow of Abraham Brosius (now spelled Broceus); and Rachel who married (first) Ira T. Renn and (second) James Lower.

LEVI KAUFFMAN, a substantial citizen of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, was born Dec. 27, 1842, in Lower Augusta township, son of Daniel and Mary (Ressler) Kauffman. He lived at home until just before he attained his majority, at the age of twenty going into business with his brother John, the young men conducting a store in Lower Augusta. After two years' association Levi Kauffman went into business at Augustaville on his sole account, continuing thus for three years, after which he practically retired for a year, being ill for some time. In 1869 he came to Lower Mahanoy, where he was in the milling business for a year before he resumed merchandising, opening a general store in the southwestern part of the township, on the banks of the Susquehanna. He carried this place on successfully for about fifteen years, at the end of which time it was taken over by his son Webster. Meantime, in 1880, Mr. Kauffman had purchased the ninety-six-acre farm in Lower Mahanoy on which he now lives, and on which he built the present large residence in 1889. Many other valuable improvements have been made on the place during the thirty years of his ownership. The land is excellent, and under his management has increased steadily in value. Mr. Kauffman is a thrifty and much respected citizen of his section of the county. He has become widely known personally as well as in a business way.

Mr. Kauffman married (first) Mary Ann Wynn, whose parents, John and Elizabeth (Synder) Wynn, of New Jersey, were English people; John Wynn had a most remarkable memory. Six

children were born to this union: Webster, who is a merchant at Bridgeport, in Lower Mahanoy; Tamar; Warren L., of Yonkers, N. Y.; Lee, of Danville, Pa.; Daniel, a farmer, living at home; and Mary O., who married George Cowan and lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. For his second wife Mr. Kauffman married Amanda Trautman, widow of Daniel Messner, and they have had two sons: James, who was accidentally killed on the railroad; and Harrison, a graduate of Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kauffman and his family are members of St. Luke's Lutheran and Reformed Church, of which he has been an elder for more than twenty-five years. He is a Democrat in political opinion.

MATTHIAS TEITSWORTH, a farmer of Ralpho township, has spent all his life in the section where he now resides, having been born upon the farm where he still makes his home. He is a great-grandson of John Teitsworth, the founder of the family in Northumberland county, who was one of the pioneer settlers here, coming from New Jersey, before the Revolutionary war. It is quite certain that his father came at the same time, and they settled on Shamokin creek, near what is now Snyderstown. He owned about five hundred acres of land. Subsequently he kept a tavern at what is known as Paxinos, on the line of Ralpho and Shamokin townships, and he died about 1800. He had two sons, William and Robert, and one daughter, who married Benjamin Campbell. The family is of Scotch-Irish extraction.

Robert Teitsworth, the younger of the two sons of John Teitsworth, was born Aug. 8, 1768, and died June 9, 1832. His first wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Taylor, was born Oct. 6, 1775, and died Oct. 17, 1815. They were married June 17, 1794, and their children were born as follows: Leanah, July 29, 1795; William, Dec. 1, 1797; John, March 15, 1800; Sarah, Oct. 7, 1802; Margaret, May 14, 1805; Phebe, Oct. 10, 1807; Robert, May 25, 1811; Eliza, Aug. 5, 1814. On March 27, 1817, Mr. Teitsworth married (second) Elizabeth Andrews, who was a daughter of Philip (born Oct. 15, 1772) and Elizabeth (DeWitt) (born Jan. 26, 1778) Andrews. There were two children by this marriage, James and Perry. Robert Teitsworth and his first wife are interred in the old Presbyterian burial ground near Reed's station, in Ralpho township.

William Teitsworth, elder son of John Teitsworth, was born in Shamokin township. He served in the Revolutionary war. For many years he conducted the tavern which he inherited from his father, and was also engaged in farming, at one time owning about eight hundred acres of land where Paxinos is now located. Later he sold this tract and bought about 250 acres where his grandson Matthias now owns, building a log house and

clearing land which he continued to cultivate until his death, in March, 1836. He was long a leading citizen of his district. He was twice married, but the name of his first wife is not known, and he had no children by that union. By his second marriage, to Mary Campbell, he had five children: Isaac; John B., deceased; Elizabeth, of Ralpho township; Katie, deceased, who married Peter Yocum; and Mary, deceased, who married John Persing.

Isaac Teitsworth, son of William, was born Dec. 5, 1801, at Paxinos, Northumberland county, and in time became the owner of his father's farm, which is now in the possession of his son Matthias. He cleared this land and followed farming, in his latter years removing to Elysburg, where he lived retired and died Aug. 28, 1882. He was a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder fifty years, and he and his wife are buried in the old Presbyterian graveyard in Ralpho township, near Reed's station. He married Sarah Catharine Persing, who was born Oct. 18, 1806, daughter of John Persing, and after her husband's death resided with her son Isaac N. in Columbia county, Pa., dying Jan. 28, 1895. They were the parents of a large family: Mary A. married Jacob H. Reed and (second) William Haas; Lemuel died at Bloomsburg, Pa.; Rev. William P. is living at Oakland, Cal.; Benjamin Franklin died in Columbia county; Alfred, born Feb. 9, 1833, enlisted for service in the Civil war in the 46th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was killed in battle near Culpeper, Va., at the engagement of Cedar Mountain, Aug. 8, 1862; Susanna married Daniel Adams and resides at Bear Gap; Isaac Newton, who lives in Columbia county, was also a soldier in the Civil war; Matthias is mentioned below; Kate died unmarried; John H. died in Michigan; Harriet, born Nov. 24, 1834, died June 6, 1853, and she and her brother and sister are interred in the same cemetery as their parents; Matilda married Theodore Clayton, formerly of Riverside, Pa., and is now living at South Danville, Pa.; Antoinette (Nettie) married Harvey B. Soult, of Elysburg, and they now live in the State of Washington.

Matthias Teitsworth was born Oct. 25, 1840. He was reared upon the farm and attended the schools of the home locality, and after his parents died he took the old homestead, where he is still living. This farm contains 107 acres, near Elysburg, and Mr. Teitsworth is still actively engaged in its cultivation and improvement. In 1894 he erected his present residence there. He owns another farm of ninety-six acres, also in the vicinity of Elysburg. Mr. Teitsworth formerly attended market at Mount Carmel, later taking his produce to Shamokin. He is a substantial and influential citizen, ready to do his share for the maintenance of the moral and progressive forces

of the community. He was one of the promoters of the old Elysburg Academy, built in 1865; was a charter member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 548, I. O. O. F., organized Jan. 1, 1859; was one of the organizers of the Pine Hill Cemetery Association (the cemetery being located near Elysburg, in Ralpho township), and is still a trustee; and he has served as a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, of which he and his family are active members. In politics he is a Republican. In 1862 he became a member of Company H, 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and served for ten months, being stationed at Yorktown for seven months.

In 1865 Mr. Teitsworth married Lanah Louisa Myers, who was born March 14, 1849, daughter of John C. and Rachel (Watson) Myers, of Columbia county, Pa. Mrs. Teitsworth died Jan. 20, 1910, aged sixty years, and is buried in Pine Hill cemetery. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Teitsworth: Alfred, who lives at Sunbury, married Minnie Kulp; Harvey B., who lives in Ralpho township, married Annie Wilt; William Morris, now of Mount Carmel, married Elizabeth Unger; Amos is in the west; Maggie M. married Clark Campbell; Josiah B. married Minerva Rhoads; Preston, who is living in Ralpho township, married Lucy Leiby; Della I. is at home.

LEISENRING. The Leisenrings of Northumberland and Lehigh counties, Pa., trace their line from John Conrad Leisenrinck, who came from Saxony, Germany, as early as 1744 and first located in Baltimore. He found a permanent home in Pennsylvania, coming first to Northampton county and in 1752 settling in White Hall township, Lehigh county, where he purchased a very large estate, securing the title from the Penns. He is buried in the cemetery at Egypt, Lehigh county, and his name, spelled as above, is still to be seen on his tombstone, which was bought in Germantown and was the first marble gravestone in that cemetery. He and his family lived like the typical thrifty people of their day. His wife spun yarn and sold it to customers in Philadelphia. They had a family of four sons and three daughters, namely: Conrad, Andrew, Peter, John Sebastian, Annie Maria, Elizabeth and Barbara.

Peter Leisenring, son of John Conrad, was born Feb. 28, 1770, in Lehigh county, Pa., where he passed his youth and early married life. Coming to Northumberland county in 1805, he settled upon a tract of 109 acres about two miles south of Sunbury, in what is now Upper Augusta township, and on this property erected one of the first tanneries in the county; he also ran a distillery, carrying on a large business for the time. He was a progressive man, and raised the first red clover in this section of the county. He also planted the first orchard in his district. Enterprising and

hard-working, he became one of the leading men of the county. He married Susan Schod, who was born in Lehigh county May 17, 1774, and they had the following children: Jacob E., Gideon, Peter, Lydia (married Christian Baldy) and Kittie (married Martin Weaver). All are now deceased. The parents both died in Northumberland county.

Jacob E. Leisenring, eldest child of Peter, was born in Lehigh county July 14, 1794, and when a young man learned the tanning trade with his father. He was engaged in hauling the products of the tannery, distillery and farm to Philadelphia and Pittsburg, where they attended the markets, and he used to carry to Philadelphia large sums of money to purchase supplies for the farmers in the district. In the war of 1812 he enlisted under Captain Hummel and served nine months. In 1833, in company with William Cloyd, whose interest he later bought, he purchased the old Fisher property at Bear Gap, where his grandson, Jacob E., now resides, this property consisting of 105 acres of land, a gristmill and tavern, of which latter he was the landlord for a period of forty years. The house, a large stone structure, was built by Caleb Fisher about 1812, and the location being a changing point for the stagecoaches the stand was a very prosperous one. During this period the country was so wild that bears were still very plentiful. Mr. Leisenring later bought from Benjamin Tillman the adjoining land, so that he had in one tract then about six hundred acres; he also had another farm at what is now Paxinos, of two hundred acres. As the thriving condition of his affairs would indicate, he was a man of excellent judgment and a good overseer in business matters, and his opinion and counsel were often sought by his neighbors. He devoted all his time to business and was considered one of the leading men in the county, though he took no direct part in the conduct of public affairs. He was a Democrat, and interested in the success of the party, but was never active in its affairs. He found time for church work, however, being a zealous member of the Lutheran Church, in which for many years he filled the office of deacon, and few men were as highly respected.

On June 13, 1819, Mr. Leisenring married Mary Bucher, daughter of Henry, of Sunbury, Pa., and she died a few years before he did, June 11, 1873, aged seventy-three years, six months. Mr. Leisenring died May 11, 1878, and they are buried at the Blue church in Ralpho township. They were the parents of nine children, two of whom died in infancy, and Mr. Leisenring was able to give a farm or a house to each of the seven who reached maturity, namely: Charles; Henry, who is deceased; Lydia (deceased); Mrs. Benjamin Wolverton; Catharine, who married George Hughwaut, whom she survived; Frank, deceased; Mary,



Peter Leisenring

deceased, who married George Mitlin, of Paxinos; and Peter Shindel.

PETER SHINDEL LEISENRING, son of Jacob E., was born May 12, 1842, upon the homestead at Bear Gap, and was educated at the local schools. In his youth he was employed with his father, clearing the land and farming, and at the age of twenty-two years he engaged in the lumber business in connection with farming and grist- and saw-milling, continuing all these industries with success. His farm consisted of 285 acres of land, under profitable cultivation, and with all these interests he also conducted the hotel for some time. He was very well known, being one of the most substantial citizens of his time, and his success in all his undertakings was such as to make him one of the most valuable men in his community, where his death was regarded as a general loss. On Feb. 13, 1876, Mr. Leisenring married Mary A. Sanders, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Fisher) Sanders, of Columbia county, Pa., and they had two children, Jacob E. and Mary C. The latter is the wife of David K. Geise, and they have one son, Frank; they reside in Ralpho township.

Mr. Leisenring was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religious faith, belonging to the Blue Church in Ralpho township. He died July 8, 1898, aged fifty-six years, and is buried at the Blue church. His widow resides with her son and daughter in Ralpho township.

JACOB E. LEISENRING, a well known business man of Bear Gap, Northumberland county, is the only son of Peter Shindel Leisenring. He was born Nov. 17, 1877, at the place where he still resides, and attended the local public schools and Elysburg Academy. From the time he was old enough to be useful he assisted his father, and after the latter's death he continued his business affairs for four years. He then bought the old homestead, which now consists of about 132 acres of land, and his holdings at present aggregate about 450 acres, of which a good deal is timber land. He carries on the lumber business in addition to farming, and has given every evidence that the reputation of the family for business thrift and sagacity will not suffer in his career. Well known in his business and social relations, popular personally, ambitious, honorable and trustworthy, he has gratifying prospects for a useful and prosperous future. He has served as road commissioner and auditor of his township.

Mr. Leisenring married Emma Yocum, daughter of Ezra and Joannah (Hummel) Yocum, and they have had four children: One son that died in infancy; Kathleen, who died when six years old; Charlotte, and Mary Johannah. Politically Mr. Leisenring is a Democrat, and in religion a Lutheran. He is a member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., and of Shamokin Lodge of Elks.

Charles Leisenring, son of Jacob E., was born 1821 and received his education in the schools of the home locality. He followed farming and also kept hotel at Paxinos, this county. Mr. Leisenring died Aug. 27, 1868, at the comparatively early age of forty-seven years, his death being caused by the kick of a colt, while he was going about his work. He is buried at the Blue church. His widow, who is still living at Bloomsburg, Pa., was Maria Haas, and they were the parents of five children: Ida, Mrs. John Pensyl; Emma, who married Rev. John Adams, a Lutheran minister (both are dead); Lewis C.; James; and Clara, Mrs. John Snyder.

Lewis C. Leisenring, son of Charles, was born at Paxinos, Pa., Aug. 4, 1856, and when a boy came with his parents to a farm in Ralpho township, near Bear Gap. He followed the life of a farmer, and in 1896 took his father's homestead of 147 acres, which is located at Bear Gap and joins the farms of his cousins, Jacob E. and George K. Leisenring. Lewis C. Leisenring married Emma Teats, daughter of Jeremiah Teats, of Shamokin township, and they have had children as follows: Charles (married Blanche John), Walter, Grace and Warren. Mr. Leisenring is a Democrat and served Ralpho township as school director for five years. In religion he is a Lutheran, a member of the Blue Church.

Henry Leisenring, son of Jacob, was born at Sunbury, Pa., March 31, 1823, and died at Elysburg, Pa., Feb. 22, 1895. He is buried at the Blue church. In early life he learned milling and was engaged in the flour and feed business at Bear Gap. He was also engaged in the lumber business, which he followed some time, and then returned to the milling business at Bear Gap. He was a Lutheran in religion. His wife, Mary A. Eckroth, daughter of John, died Oct. 15, 1898, aged seventy-nine years. They had these children: (1) Anna died unmarried aged twenty-eight. (2) Herbert, who lives in Shamokin, married Catharine Lanciscus, daughter of John and Lena (Bird) Lanciscus, and they have had four children, Malcolm L., Edna L. (deceased), Lena M. (at home) and Ethel F. (deceased). (3) Estella is the wife of Clark R. Creasy, and they are living in Shamokin. Their children are Dayton, Clara and Grace. (4) Tacie, widow of Theodore Heck, of Shamokin, is the mother of Irene (wife of Dr. A. G. Shissler), Millie (wife of J. A. Shipman), and Harry (who died aged twenty-one). (5) Dayton, who lives at Elysburg, Pa., married Carrie Vought and has one son, John.

Frank Leisenring, son of Jacob E., was born in 1835, upon the homestead at Bear Gap, and was educated in the public schools of the vicinity. He had a fine farm of 150 acres at Bear Gap, cultivating the same until his death, which occurred at the farm Jan. 16, 1902, when he was sixty-six

years, three months, four days old. In 1861 he married Angeline Keller, of Ralpho township, who is now living with her son, George K. They had three children: Savanna, deceased; George K.; and Laura, widow of William Campbell, of Ralpho township. Mr. Leisenring was a well known member of the Democratic party and filled the office of school director and other township positions. He was a Lutheran in religious faith.

GEORGE K. LEISENRING, son of Frank, was born Jan. 31, 1866, in Ralpho township, and became a farmer. He was employed with his father until he began for himself in 1890, and now owns his father's homestead, having a fine farm at Bear Gap, well appointed, with substantial and up-to-date buildings. Politically he is a Democrat, has served his community as overseer of the poor, and in religious connection, like so many others of the family, is a Lutheran and a member of the Blue Church.

Mr. Leisenring married Elizabeth Haas, daughter of Abraham Haas, and to them have been born six children: Frank (died aged six years), Ruth, Mary, Dorothy, Catherine and Marcella.

CHARLES O'CONNOR is identified with the business life of Trevorton, Northumberland county, in various associations, being owner and proprietor of the well known "Elk Hotel," proprietor of the New York clothing store, treasurer of the Trevorton Industrial Stock Company and director of the Miners' Savings & Loan Association, in which relations he has come in contact with so many of his fellow citizens that he is an unusually well known man in his community. He was born March 19, 1861, in England, son of Michael O'Connor.

Michael O'Connor was born in 1836 in the Province of Munster, Ireland, and brought his family thence to America in 1868, landing at New York City. After a brief residence in New Jersey, engaged at his trade, that of potter, he came to Shamokin (in 1868), Northumberland Co., Pa., and here found work at mining, following that occupation most of his active years. For some time before his death he was in the shoe business at Shamokin, his store being in the old Weaver building. He died in Shamokin January 16, 1894. Mr. O'Connor married Catherine Costello, a native of Ireland, whose people settled at Fall River, Mass., and she died Oct. 17, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor are buried at Shamokin. Nine children were born to them: Michael, who lives in Shamokin; Charles; Thomas, of Shamokin; Patrick, of Shamokin; James, of Shamokin; Margaret, wife of Thomas Tamey, of Shamokin; William Francis, who died young; William P., of Shamokin; and F. Henry, who died June 15, 1870, and who was the second person buried in the Catholic cemetery at Shamokin.

Charles O'Connor was eight and a half years old when he came to America, in 1869, and he attended school at Shamokin for some years thereafter. He began work as a slate picker, and in time engaged in mining, following this occupation until Feb. 5, 1905. Meantime, however, he had acquired other interests, and he is now an active business man. On Feb. 5, 1905, he engaged in the hotel business at Trevorton, becoming proprietor of the "Elk Hotel," the best known hostelry in the town. It was built in 1851, and is now the property of Mr. O'Connor. Since October, 1909, he has also been interested in the clothing business, being proprietor of the fine, up-to-date store located opposite his hotel, conducted by what is known as the New York Clothing Company. He is connected with the Trevorton Industrial Stock Company as treasurer and member of the board of trustees, his son Michael being secretary of the company and Mr. Plummer president of the board of trustees. He is treasurer (since 1908) and member of the board of directors of the Miners' Savings & Loan Association of Trevorton (serving as vice president from 1904 to 1908, when he was elected treasurer), which was established April 20, 1904. In 1898 Mr. O'Connor became jury commissioner of Northumberland county, and succeeded himself for another term, in 1901, having the distinction of being the first man ever to succeed himself in this office since the county was organized, 1772. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has numerous social connections, being a member of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, of Sunbury, this county (since 1898); a member of the F. O. E. Aerie at Shamokin, of which he was one of the first trustees; a member of St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, and a member of the A. O. H. In religion he is a Catholic, belonging to St. Patrick's Church at Trevorton.

Mr. O'Connor married Mary Kelliher, daughter of John and Catherine Kelliher, and they have had a large family, viz.: Thomas, who died young; Michael, who was educated at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa., and Mount St. Mary's, Emmitsburg, Md., and is now clerk of the Quarter Sessions court at Sunbury; Patrick (also a student at St. Mary's College), who married Verna Kebler and has one son, George; Catherine; Charles Raymond, who died when one year, five months old; Joseph, who died at the age of thirteen years; Francis, who died when eleven months old; William Raymond, who died in infancy; Barmary, who is still attending school; Margaret; and Joseph.

ZIMMERMAN. The Zimmerman family, represented in Schuylkill county for several generations, and among the most substantial and public-spirited citizens of this region, has been settled in Pennsylvania for a hundred and eighty years, since the four brothers Abraham, Jacob, Isaac and

Sebastian Zimmerman came from Germany in 1730-31. They first settled in eastern Pennsylvania, near Kutztown, in Maxatawny township, Berks county, in which township Abraham paid sixteen pounds tax in 1759—the year the first tax was levied, Sebastian (or Bastian, as he was known in Berks county) paying twenty-three pounds tax there that year. The latter, who was the ancestor of the branch of the family in which we are here interested, the line of the present Sebastian Zimmerman, of Sunbury, an old resident of that place, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Abraham Zimmerman, son of Sebastian, married Bernice Werley, and they lived near Kutztown, in Maxatawny township, where they were farming people. Their children, all born in that township, were: Elizabeth, Abraham, Samuel, Jacob, Sebastian, Solomon, Carrie, Esther, Dewald, John and Isaac.

Sebastian Zimmerman, son of Abraham, was born May 7, 1796, in Berks county. He, together with three of his brothers, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was one of the four men detailed to bury the dead in the disasters about Washington that resulted in the burning of the national capital by the British. Moving to Schuylkill county, he acquired a large farm in Upper Mahantango township, which has since been divided into two farms, one of which is owned by Felix Masser. The property originally comprised over two hundred acres. Mr. Zimmerman died in July, 1885, in the Upper Mahantango Valley, near the Northumberland county line, aged eighty-nine years, two months, one day. His wife, Elizabeth B. Klock, daughter of Jacob Klock, was born Aug. 30, 1796, and died Jan. 13, 1875. They were Lutherans, and are buried at the Salem (Herb) Church at Rough and Ready, in Schuylkill county. They were the parents of children as follows: Joseph, Catharine, Elizabeth, Salome, Esther, Lydia, Sebastian and George. The last named was killed at the battle of Petersburg, Va.; he married Eliza Herter, and they had four sons, Jonathan, Washington, Joel and Monroe.

SEBASTIAN ZIMMERMAN, son of Sebastian and Elizabeth B. (Klock) Zimmerman, was born June 2, 1830, in Cameron township, Northumberland Co., Pa. His parents moved across the line into Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, when he was about a year old, and he was there reared to farming, which he continued to follow after beginning life on his own account, acquiring a farm in that locality which he cultivated until his removal to Northumberland county in 1867. At that time he settled in Lower Augusta township, the part now included in Rockefeller township, remaining there for about twenty years, until he retired from active pursuits, in 1887. Since his retirement he has made his home in Sunbury, of which place he is one of the oldest and

most respected residents. Mr. Zimmerman has never sought office, but he has served thirteen years as school director, part of the time for what is now Rockefeller township and part of the time for the borough of Sunbury. He is a Democrat in political matters. He has always been interested in the welfare of the Lutheran Church, having served as deacon while he was a resident of Upper Mahantango, and he and his wife are members of the Zion's New Lutheran Church at Sunbury. On Oct. 28, 1862, Mr. Zimmerman enlisted from Schuylkill county in Company K, 172d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. F. A. Hoffman, was promoted to second sergeant of that company, and served with the Army of the Potomac. He was discharged Aug. 1, 1863, with his regiment, at Harrisburg. Mr. Zimmerman has long been an active member of William Bruner Post, No. 335, G. A. R., in which he has held various offices.

On Feb. 23, 1851, Mr. Zimmerman married (first) Elizabeth Schlappig, who was born Nov. 25, 1832, daughter of Benjamin Schlappig, and died Dec. 8, 1872, in her forty-first year. They had a family of ten children, born as follows: Henry S., Jan. 22, 1852; Sarah, Sept. 17, 1853; Lewis, May 1, 1855 (died Nov. 22, 1907); Edwin, March 10, 1857 (died June 15, 1866); John, July 20, 1859; Sebastian, Dec. 15, 1861; Elizabeth, May 12, 1864 (died Dec. 8, 1872); William, July 11, 1866; Benjamin, July 25, 1868 (died Aug. 11, 1870); Mary Ann, May 26, 1870 (died July 15, 1871).

Mr. Zimmerman's second marriage was to Mrs. Harriet (Klock) Yoder, born Feb. 18, 1832, daughter of Jacob and Polly (Masser) Klock, and by this union there are two children: Alice, born Feb. 13, 1874, and Clara, born Dec. 13, 1875. By her first marriage, to Peter Yoder, son of Anthony Yoder, of Schuylkill county and later of Northumberland county, Mrs. Zimmerman had six children: Sarah (deceased), Lewis, Emma, Juliann, Christian and Peter.

Mr. Zimmerman is much interested in incidents of the early days in this region, and he relates one story, about the manner in which the famous Conrad Weiser acquired possession of one of the islands in the Susquehanna river, which is worth repeating: The Indians had great faith in dreams, and as far as possible executed commands or heeded warnings received during sleep. Conrad Weiser, the great friend of the Indians, had a fine gun which the Redmen admired as much as the owner prized it. Shikellimy, the Oneida chief, who was Weiser's staunch friend, was stationed at Sunbury at the time of this happening. He coveted the gun, and one night dreamed that Weiser gave it to him. The next time he met Weiser he told him of the dream, and Weiser, knowing that it would be bad policy to deny him the gift, gave his

treasured gun to the Indian, though reluctantly. Now it was the white man's turn to dream. In the Susquehanna river, below Sunbury, is the Isle of Cue, upon which the Indians lived and which they valued highly. Weiser had often asked for it, but the Indians, though friendly, said they could not part with it. Weiser dreamed that his friend Shikellimy made him a present of the island, and when he met the Chief began by apologizing for having a dream to relate which might not please the latter. The Chief reassured him on the strength of their great friendship and Weiser, with apparent regret, told his story. Shikellimy, though evidently disturbed, was "game" and insisted that the dream must be fulfilled, but at the same time he gave his friend to understand that it was time to put an end to their dreaming. This story is related as the true version of the manner in which the island came into Weiser's possession. It is a matter of record that he did own it.

John Zimmerman, who was from Berks county, Pa., settled in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county. His children were: Daniel, who married Catharine Hall; John, who lived in Upper Augusta township; Sarah, who married Abraham Hartman; a daughter, who married Daniel Zimmerman; George, who married Mary Hall (sister of Catharine); and Peter, who moved away from this section. Of this family, George Zimmerman lived in Augusta township, and later came to Sunbury, Pa., where he built a house, which is still standing, now occupied by his grandsons Samuel and William H. Stroh. George Zimmerman's children were: Jeremiah (a prominent man, who served as Representative in the State Legislature), Rachel, Luzzy (died young), Mary, Elizabeth and Emma.

Daniel Zimmerman, grandfather of William A. Zimmerman, a resident of Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, was born in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., Feb. 1, 1793, son of Johannes (John) Zimmerman, and died March 26, 1842, in Northumberland county, aged forty-nine years, one month, twenty-two days. This record and that of his wife are to be found in the old cemetery at Sunbury. After his marriage he came to this county and settled in what is now Rockefeller township, and he followed farming as well as his trade of blacksmith, his shop being in Brush valley, near where his grandson, William A. Zimmerman, now resides. The latter owns his grandfather's old ledger, in which he kept the accounts and records of his blacksmith business, the first account entered bearing date Aug. 20, 1816. He continued to follow his trade until his death, and prospered, owning the farm now in the possession of his grandson William A. and also an adjoining tract of eighty acres, now owned by Samuel Lantz. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and

well-informed for his time, and was looked up to by his neighbors for his sound judgment and common sense. His wife, Catharine (Hall), born Aug. 1, 1791, died June 30, 1858, aged sixty-six years, ten months, twenty-nine days. They are buried in the old Sunbury cemetery on South Fourth street. Two children were born to this couple, Samuel H. and Susan, the latter of whom married James Covert and lived first at Sunbury, later at Selinsgrove, this county. Mr. Zimmerman and his family were members of Zion Lutheran Church at Sunbury.

Samuel H. Zimmerman, son of Daniel, was born Aug. 23, 1824-25, in what was then Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, Northumberland county, and died Feb. 3, 1893. He succeeded his father in the ownership of the home farm, where he passed all his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He improved the place considerably, building the present dwelling on the property in the year 1876 and the barn in 1888. Mr. Zimmerman had received a good common school education for his day, and like his father was a man of intelligence and good sense above the average, showing his character in all the relations of life. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, confirmed at Sunbury and was active in the work of the church at Plum creek, where he is buried. He served as a member of the church council. He was a Republican in politics. In 1850 Mr. Zimmerman married Mary Bartholomew, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Bloom) Bartholomew of Rush township, and five children were born to their union: Malinda married George W. Schive and they reside at Scranton, Pa.; Angeline (deceased) married Henry Wolf; Morris A. is deceased; William A. is mentioned below; Sarah (deceased) married David Fegley.

WILLIAM A. ZIMMERMAN was born Sept. 10, 1858, on the homestead, and received his education in the common schools. Since he was eighteen he has followed the carpenter trade off and on, having learned it through his own efforts and by applying himself faithfully. He has followed the trade in Sunbury and in his home township, and still maintains a carpenter shop, though he also gives considerable attention to farming, having owned the homestead since the fall of 1893. He has ninety-three acres, under profitable cultivation. In the summer of 1910 Mr. Zimmerman built an addition to his residence for his son Homer, who had just been married, doing all the carpenter work himself. He has a high reputation as a mechanic.

On Oct. 6, 1878, Mr. Zimmerman married Susan Shipe, daughter of John H. and Esther (Garinger) Shipe and granddaughter of Samuel Garinger and his wife, whose maiden name was Conrad. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman have had two children: Jennie, who is unmarried; and Homer E., a silk worker, who married Bertha E. Zartman.

Mr. Zimmerman is a Lutheran, belonging to the church at Plum Creek, which he has served a number of years as member of the council. His family are of the Reformed faith. In political sentiment he is a Republican, and he is at present serving as one of the township auditors. He has served three years as school director.

George Zimmerman was born March 26, 1784, son of Georg and Anna Maria (Moutz) Zimmerman, and died Sept. 24, 1835. He is buried in the old graveyard at Sunbury. He lived in Upper Augusta township, where he engaged in farming, owning a tract of 300 acres, his land extending along Shamokin creek from the gristmill down to the old Methodist Church, the old cemetery of which is still to be seen. A man of pious disposition, he was strictly temperate in all things and a devout member of the Lutheran Church. He was of tall figure. Mr. Zimmerman's first marriage was to a sister of Henry Yoxtheimer, and by that marriage he had four children: Rebecca, Mrs. Daniel Haas; Sarah, who died unmarried; Jeremiah, who lived at Shamokin; and Catharine, Mrs. Oyster. His second wife, Catharine (Hartzell), died March 17, 1840, aged fifty-seven years, nine months. She was the mother of four children: George, Peter, Henry and Simon.

George Zimmerman, son of George, was born in Upper Augusta, Aug. 18, 1815, and died May 13, 1887. His wife, Sarah (Fasold), was born Feb. 18, 1818, and died May 2, 1863. Mr. Zimmerman was a shoemaker and also cultivated the old homestead, owning the farm. He was an active Democrat, and served as school director, supervisor, tax collector, assessor, and overseer of the poor, being a prominent man in the public affairs of his township. He and his wife were members of the United Brethren Church, of which he was a trustee and steward. They had a large family, viz.: Mary Ann married Jacob Gass; Catharine M. owns the homestead of 100 acres in partnership with her brother Samuel and resides there; Sarah died unmarried; George V., who never married, lived in Upper Augusta; William H. died in infancy; Samuel is a resident of Upper Augusta; John died when two weeks old; Harriet F. died aged eleven years; Alice died aged eighteen years; Clara married T. H. Lippiatt, of Sunbury; Emma died of scarlet fever at the age of fourteen years, five months; Rachel A. married Jacob Deibler, of near Snyderstown.

Samuel Zimmerman, son of George and Sarah, was born on the Zimmerman homestead April 24, 1848. He was educated in the public schools and went to learn the carpenter's trade when nineteen years old, following it about eleven years, at Pottsville and throughout the oil regions of Western Pennsylvania. Returning to his native township, he worked for several seasons at his trade in Sun-

bury. About 1882 he bought his present farm of 100 acres in Upper Augusta township, formerly the Martz homestead, and there he has since carried on general farming. Mr. Zimmerman is a Democrat, and has served as tax collector since 1907; he was school director for a period of six years. He married Anna Mensch, daughter of Henry and Hannah (Reish) Mensch, who lived in Upper Augusta, and seven children have been born to this union: Ralph, who is a farmer of Upper Augusta township; Eva V., married to Dr. J. William Schultz, of Tremont, Pa.; Mabel, at home; George, of Reading; Clarence, at home; a son that died in infancy; and Carrie, at home. Mr. Zimmerman and his family are Methodists in religious connection.

Jacob Zimmerman was born March 19, 1764, in Maxatawny, Berks Co., Pa., and came thence after his marriage to Northumberland county, settling at Augustaville. He owned a farm of over three hundred acres, and being a tanner by trade operated a tannery in connection with his large farm. He married Susanna Brown, daughter of Michael Brown, of "Swabian" Creek, Washington township, Northumberland county, and to them were born three children: (1) John, who died Aug. 10, 1870, aged sixty-five years, lived on a farm adjoining that of his brother Daniel. He was a first-class mechanic; made spinning-wheels and fine guns, for which latter there was especial demand, and also made musical instruments. His wife, Molly Fetherolf, was a sister of his brother Daniel's wife. They had one son, Peter, who died in Waverly, Nebr. (2) Daniel is mentioned below. (3) Jacob, born March 30, 1794, died unmarried Oct. 5, 1817, aged twenty-three years, six months, five days. Jacob Zimmerman, the father, died March 6, 1835, aged seventy years, eleven months, seventeen days. The mother died Feb. 27, 1854, aged eighty-three years, six months, eight days. Both belonged to the Stone Church at Augustaville, he being a Lutheran, and his wife a Reformed member. They are buried there.

Daniel Zimmerman, son of Jacob, was born Oct. 5, 1808, in Augusta township, Northumberland county, on the homestead where he passed all his life. He was a tanner and farmer, owning 100 acres of land, now the property of Harry Zimmerman, of the fourth generation. He died Aug. 27, 1883, aged seventy-four years, ten months, twenty-two days. He married Hannah Fetherolf, daughter of Peter Fetherolf, of Mahantango Valley, Northumberland county, and she died Sept. 30, 1863, aged sixty years, six months, ten days. They are buried at the Stone Church. Their family consisted of twelve children, namely: Jacob, of Union county, Pa.; John F.; Henry; Mary; Christian, who married Susan M. Reeser; Daniel F.; Peter; Elias, deceased; Samuel F., of Aber-

deen, S. Dak.: William, who lived and died at Allentown, Pa. (he had children: Jennie, Annie, Mary and Eve); Jeremiah, who died when young; and Hettie, who married H. S. Koppenhafer, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

John F. Zimmerman, son of Daniel, was born Feb. 5, 1829, on the homestead, learned the trade of cabinet-maker and house carpenter, and has passed most of his life in Augusta. During his later years, however, he has lived at Lewisburg and Williamsport, also spending considerable time with his daughter in Georgia. He has been twice married, first, in 1851, to Magdalena Kieffer, who died at the age of twenty-seven years, Feb. 27, 1863, while her husband was serving in the Civil war. By this union there were two sons and one daughter, David A., H. Rebecca (who married T. H. Finn and lives at Way Cross, Ga.) and Aaron P. Mr. Zimmerman was married (second) in 1869 to Rebecca Campbell, who died in 1897, aged fifty-four years. To them were also born three children: Landis I., who lives at Punxsutawney, Pa., has three children, Eugene, Myron and Hilda; Ellemeta died when sixteen months old; and Ira J. lives in Detroit, Michigan. John F. Zimmerman was a Union soldier during the Civil war, serving in Company H, 177th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia. He was mustered in at Sunbury, in November, 1862, and served nine months.

Henry Zimmerman, son of Daniel, born April 17, 1830, died March 23, 1863, while serving in the Civil war, at Yorktown, Va., of typhus fever, and is buried at the Stone Church, near his old home. He was in the same company as his brothers. He had children: Martin M., Morris, and Alice, the last named deceased.

Daniel F. Zimmerman, son of Daniel, lived and died on the old homestead, passing away Nov. 29, 1905, aged seventy years, eight months, eight days. He, too, served for nine months during the Civil war in the same company as his two brothers. He was twice married, first to Hannah Zerfing, who died Sept. 23, 1863 (aged twenty-nine years, nine months, one day), and by whom he had one son, William, and second to Sallie A. Reeder, by whom he had Joseph, Elmer, Tura, Katie and Harry.

PETER ZIMMERMAN, son of Daniel, was born April 4, 1836, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county. When twenty years old he commenced to learn the trade of carriage-builder, which he has ever since followed. He served his apprenticeship at Berrysburg, and later worked at Millburg for five years. He began business for himself at Zimmermanstown (Augustaville P. O.) in what is now Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, and remained at that location for nineteen years, coming to Herndon, Pa., where he has since maintained his stand. He not only does the wood work, but also painting and trimming, and the family

generally do cabinet-making. Mr. Zimmerman is a public-spirited citizen, and was active in helping to organize Herndon into a borough. He is a Democrat in politics.

On June 2, 1862, Mr. Zimmerman married Rachel Kebauch, of Dauphin county, Pa., who died Feb. 21, 1877, at the age of thirty-three years, seven months, fourteen days, the mother of four children: Calvin G., now of Seven Points, Pa.; Addie, who died in infancy; Laura, married to Monroe Ziegler, of Herndon; and a son that died in infancy. In 1889 Mr. Zimmerman married for his second wife Mary Auchmuty, of Millersburg, Dauphin county. They have had no children. The family are members of the United Evangelical Church at Herndon.

Samuel F. Zimmerman, son of Daniel, was born in Rockefeller township in September, 1839, and was there reared to farm life. At the age of seventeen he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in Rockefeller township until he went to South Dakota, in 1887. There he farmed and raised stock until his retirement, in 1903. He has his home at Aberdeen, South Dakota. Before his marriage Mr. Zimmerman spent about two years at South Bend, Ind., where he was in the employ of the Studebaker Manufacturing Company, returning East to be married. He is a Democrat; was originally a Lutheran, but since settling out West has belonged to the Presbyterian Church, there being no Lutherans in his locality. He married Lucy Ann Martz, daughter of Isaac and Polly (Emerick) Martz, of Rockefeller township, and she died May 6, 1908, aged fifty-eight years. She is buried at Aberdeen, S. Dak. To them were born seven sons, viz.: Warren H.; Reuben Clay, of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Benjamin F., of Sunbury, Pa.; Charles M., of Ashley, N. Dak.; Orville W., who died aged four years; Freeman A., of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and Frederick F., of Ashley, North Dakota.

Warren H. Zimmerman, of Sunbury, Pa., was born in Rockefeller township, on the homestead, May 22, 1871. He learned the blacksmith's trade in his native township following it there until the family went West, in 1887, after which he farmed for one year. Then for three seasons he conducted a grain elevator at Roscoe, S. Dak. In 1892 he returned East to Sunbury and followed his trade another year. Returning to Roscoe he worked for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company for a year, and he again returned East in 1895. After working at carpentering and painting some time he connected himself with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company being first employed as car repairman, then foreman of engine tenders, having charge of from fifteen to as many as twenty-five men. It is responsible work, and he has shown himself capable of handling it. Mr. Zimmerman has become quite a prominent citizen of Sunbury in his connection with its public affairs. In

1901 he was elected to the council from the Seventh Ward as an independent candidate, defeating the two regular party nominees, and he has twice been re-elected. He has taken an active part in the doings of that body, having served as secretary one year, treasurer one year, and member of the Finance committee two years; since 1907 he has been a member of the Supply committee. Mr. Zimmerman was instrumental in the erection of the Francis E. Drumbheller, M. D., public school building in the Seventh Ward in 1910, the most complete and up-to-date school building in Central Pennsylvania; it has eight rooms, and was erected at a cost of \$35,000. Though independent in local affairs, he is a Democrat on national issues. Socially he belongs to Maclay Lodge No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, to P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 194, also of Sunbury, to the Royal Arcanum and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Zimmerman was married to Cora J., daughter of Valentine and Amelia (Hauck) Bartholomew, who lived in Rockefeller township. They have two daughters, Hazel May and Beulah Irene.

AARON P. ZIMMERMAN, son of John F. and Magdalena (Kieffer) Zimmerman, was born Jan. 6, 1862, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, Northumberland county, and there attended the public schools. He remained with his grandfather until 1878, after which he went to Sunbury, Pa., where he was in the employ of Ira T. Clement for one year. In the fall of 1881 he went to Shamokin, where he engaged as a clerk with Seiler & Zimmerman, and where he remained continuously until his removal to Lebanon, Pa., in 1898. He was in the hardware business at that place for one year. In 1902 Mr. Zimmerman engaged in business as a shoe merchant at his present location in Shamokin, No. 154 East Independent street, where he has since done business, carrying a high class of goods. He formerly resided in the Sixth Ward, and served two terms as school director from that Ward, but his home is now in the Third Ward.

Mr. Zimmerman married Lizzie Zimmerman, daughter of Sebastian Zimmerman, and they have had three children, Mabel, Helen and Ruth. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, of the P. O. S. of A., the Royal Arcanum and the B. P. O. Elks.

David A. Zimmerman, another son of John F. Zimmerman, has four children: Edwin, of Renova, Pa.; Ella, at home; Spencer, unmarried; and Emery, who lives in Detroit, Michigan.

FRANK A. GABLE, assistant cashier of the National Bank of Shamokin, at Shamokin, Northumberland county, has been associated with that institution since 1902 and has held his present po-

sition since 1906. He has resided in Shamokin all his life, having been born in that city Oct. 18, 1869.

Mr. Gable is a representative of the fifth generation of his family in this country, his great-grandfather, John Gable, a native of Hessen-Cassel, Germany, having come to America in boyhood with his parents. They settled in Berks county, Pa. John Gable served during the Revolutionary war in the Continental army, the Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. VII, page 1140, showing that one John Gable was a private in Capt. Philip Baker's company, Lancaster county militia, 1782; battalion and battalion commander not stated.

John Gable, grandfather of Frank A. Gable, was born in 1794 in the upper part of Berks county, and died in 1878. He served his country during the war of 1812. He was identified principally with Schuylkill county, where his first settlement was at Orwigsburg, but he did not remain there long, going thence to Pottsville. He was a carpenter, but did not follow his trade many years, being engaged as a merchant at Pottsville, where he became quite a prominent citizen. He teamed his goods all the way from Philadelphia. Mr. Gable lived retired for several years before his death, which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Conner, at Girardville, Schuylkill county. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Hammer, died in 1855, at the age of sixty-two years. Both are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Pottsville. They had a family of ten children, viz.: Lydia, who married Tobias Houser, died at the age of eighty-four years; Lucy married John Hower; Rebecca married John Miller; Mary married John Freehafer; Nancy married Thomas Conner; Harriet, now the only survivor of her parents' family, is the widow of George D. Bensing and resides at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county (her children are Sarah E., Clara B., married to J. L. Haas, Minnie, Maude and Henry); Henry died Aug. 1, 1860; John is mentioned below; Jacob died young; William died at Shamokin Sept. 3, 1908.

John Gable, father of Frank A. Gable, was born Sept. 16, 1825, in Schuylkill county, and there received a common school education. About 1863 he came to Shamokin, and thence went with several other men to Harrisburg, to enlist for service in the Civil war. They were not needed at that time, however, and Mr. Gable returned to Shamokin, where for a number of years he was interested in mining, becoming very well known in that connection. For several years he was superintendent for the late Thomas Baumgardner, of Lancaster, Pa., who owned the Enterprise Coal Company. Mr. Gable later operated the Colbert colliery successfully—during the W. B. A. strike, and in company with John B. Douty also operated the Gar-

field colliery, in the course of time selling his interests to Mr. Douty. From that time on he lived retired until his death, in November, 1902; he is buried in St. Edward's cemetery. He was prominently identified with other business interests besides mining after coming to Shamokin, was one of the promoters of the street railway company and of a fire insurance company which was one of the first companies of the kind in Shamokin.

Mr. Gable married Caroline Sterling, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wingert) Sterling, and to them were born children as follows: Louise, Joseph and Cecilia all died in infancy; Amelia Ida is unmarried; William married Maria Devitt; Alfred R. married Catherine Kennedy; Frank A. is mentioned below; Charles married Emma Moyer.

Frank A. Gable received his education in the parochial and high schools of Shamokin, and began his business career as a clerk. On Jan. 13, 1902, he entered the National Bank of Shamokin as bookkeeper, in 1906 receiving promotion to the office of assistant cashier, which he has since held, George C. Graeber being cashier. Mr. Gable has given the greater part of his attention to business, the only important departure he has ever made from this rule being his two terms of service as borough treasurer. He is a Republican in political principle, but not active in party affairs. Socially he holds membership in Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. Elks, in the Knights of Columbus (of which he is district deputy) and in the Crescoe Club. He is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

On June 3, 1896, Mr. Gable married Mary Brennan, only child of Edward and Annie (Walsh) Brennan, and they have had a family of eight children: Anna M., Caroline S., Margaret W., Edward B., Frank, Louise, John J., and Natalie P. Mrs. Gable's father is a prominent mine inspector and banker of Shamokin.

HON. WILLIAM GABLE (deceased), who had the honor of being the second Republican in the history of Northumberland county to be sent as its representative to the Legislature, was born June 26, 1837, near Pottsville, in Schuylkill county, Pa., and died Sept. 3, 1908, at Shamokin, Northumberland county. Some early history of the family is given elsewhere, in the sketch of Frank A. Gable.

Mr. Gable passed his boyhood in his native county, attending the public schools until he reached the age of sixteen. He then took up mechanical engineering, for which he showed considerable aptitude, and his success in later years showed him to be well adapted for such work. In 1860, the year he cast his first Presidential vote, he supported the Republican candidate, and from that time on to the end of his days he continued to be an ardent member of the party, in which he was a leader for many years. His father had fought for his country in

the war of 1812; his grandfather had been a member of the Continental forces in the Revolution; and when the Civil war broke out he was among the first to offer his services in the Union cause. He enlisted in 1861 in Captain Jennings' company, at St. Clair, the command being assigned to the 14th regiment; it went to Camp Curtin, at Harrisburg, and made an unimportant tour of the "sacred soil of Virginia" to Martinsburg, Bunker Hill and Harper's Ferry, whence, the term of service having expired, it was sent to Carlisle, Pa., and mustered out. Mr. Gable returned to St. Clair at the end of this three months' term. About this time Capt. William J. Palmer, who was in command of the Anderson Troop in the Southwest, received permission to recruit a cavalry regiment in Pennsylvania to act as bodyguard to General Buell. The organization was popularly known as the "Anderson Cavalry" (named in honor of Robert Anderson, the hero of Fort Sumter), but was officially the 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry. As it was to be a picked body, representative of the entire State, each county was to be allowed to furnish eight men. William Gable applied from Schuylkill county and was accepted. His company was sent to Carlisle barracks, where it was drilled by officers detailed from the regular army. When General Pope was defeated at the second battle of Bull Run the Anderson Cavalry went to Chambersburg, pressed into service a sufficient number of horses, and took part in the battle of Antietam, at the very beginning of which the Colonel was taken prisoner; he did not rejoin the regiment for more than a year. After the battle the regiment returned to Carlisle, and shortly afterward was transferred to Louisville, Ky., where it was equipped with horses and marched to Nashville, arriving in time to take part in the battle of Stone River; in that conflict it suffered the loss of seventy men, including two acting majors, Rosengarten of Philadelphia and Warr of Pittsburg. It was also in the battle of Chickamauga, after which Mr. Gable was promoted to sergeant for service on the field. The regiment then joined the Army of the Cumberland, participating in its principal engagements under General Thomas. In 1864 Mr. Gable went before the examining board at Nashville, Tenn., and received a commission as first lieutenant, being assigned to the 101st United States Colored Infantry and sent to Gallatin, Tenn., to recruit a company. Then he joined the regiment at Clarksville, was ordered to Nashville and remained there, doing guard duty, until the regiment was mustered out, in 1866.

After the war Mr. Gable engaged in cotton raising in Arkansas for a time, but the surroundings were not congenial and after a six months' trial he gave it up and went to Washington, D. C., to appear before the examining board as a candidate for the regular army. He called on Grant, who received him cordially, and gave him the benefit of

his influence to secure a position which would prepare him for the examination. But in the meantime Congress passed an act reducing the army, and that put an end to his ambitions in the military line.

In November, 1869, Mr. Gable came to Shamokin and engaged with his brother in the operation of the Lancaster colliery, and later, when the Mineral Railroad and Mining Company was organized, he was made outside superintendent at the Luke Fidler colliery, holding that position until 1874, when he became general manager for the Enterprise Coal Company. He continued thus until 1884, passing safely through all the troublous days of the "Molly Maguire" terror.

In the early eighties he was nominated by the Republicans of Northumberland county to represent the district in the State Assembly, and although the county was Democratic by a normal majority of one thousand he was elected, and took a very active part in the work of that body. He was chairman of the committee on Pensions and Gratuities and under the rules which apply to the second member was secretary of the committees on Mines and Mining and on Geological Surveys. He had charge of the Geological Survey Bill, succeeding only by the most untiring efforts in securing its enactment into a law. Other special results may be credited to his activity. Hall's Island, in the Susquehanna, opposite Georgetown, although a very valuable property, had until then enjoyed immunity from certain taxes by reason of its being an independent school district. Through Mr. Gable's exertions the law so exempting it was repealed. Among other things, he succeeded in securing the passage of a bill, which he seconded, creating an additional law judge for Northumberland county, but the same was vetoed by the governor. Mr. Gable was one of the committee of fifteen Republicans of the Legislature appointed by the party caucus to draft an Apportionment Bill and was earnest in his opposition to the measure which was finally passed, but which was vetoed by Governor Pattison. Mr. Gable was a delegate to the State convention which nominated James A. Beaver for governor the first time.

At the end of his service as representative Mr. Gable became proprietor and manager of the "National Hotel" at Shamokin, conducting that establishment until Oct. 31, 1889, when he was appointed to the position of deputy United States internal revenue collector. In 1889 he was again the choice of his party, receiving the nomination for the Legislature, but owing to the complication rising from the presence of a ticket placed in the field by the Knights of Labor the support was divided, and he was defeated.

Mr. Gable was a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, of the Grand Army of the Republic

(Post No. 140) and of the Union Veterans' Association. He was captain and commissary of the 7th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, from its organization until it was mustered out. He died at Shamokin Sept. 3, 1908, and is buried there.

In 1859 Mr. Gable married Mary J. Bloom, of Pottsville.

CHARLES W. MANTZ, senior member of the firm of Mantz Brothers, who conduct the largest planing mill at Sunbury, has been a valuable citizen of that borough for many years, successful in business, an interested worker in its public and religious circles, and highly respected for his useful, industrious career. He was born May 16, 1854, in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and belongs to a family which has long been settled in this State. The name is also found spelled Mountz and Moutz.

The only records of the arrival in this country of any Moutzes or Mountzes are as follows: George Mountz, ship "Charming Nancy," of London, Charles Stedman, master, from Rotterdam, Oct. 8, 1737; Peter Moutz, ship "Molly," Thomas Olliver, master, from Rotterdam, Oct. 17, 1741; Peter Mautz, ship "Sandwich," Captain Hazleman, from Rotterdam, Nov. 30, 1750. A Samuel Mautz, son of George, went to Holland for a fortune. It is not known definitely from which of these emigrants the Northumberland county family with which this article is concerned descends, but it is likely that George was the ancestor. There was a Mountz family early in Berks county, one Joseph Mountz having been a taxable in Heidelberg township, that county, as early as 1759, when he was assessed as a single man. He had a brother George, who died in 1800, the year his will was entered on record in the courthouse (a son, John G., was executor of the estate).

One Nicholas Moutz (also Mautz), born about 1754, died in Berks county in 1810, aged fifty-six years. He was a private soldier in the war of the Revolution [see Pennsylvania Archives, 2d Series, Vol. XIII, page 138] and received depreciation pay from the State of Pennsylvania; and Mary Mautz, his widow, was granted a gratuity of forty dollars and an annuity of forty dollars by special act of the Pennsylvania Legislature, Jan. 1, 1829 [Smith Laws, Vol. X, page 273]. Nicholas Moutz married Mary Heilman, who was born in 1756 and died in 1839, aged eighty-three years. They had a son Samuel, born July 31, 1797, who died Sept. 22, 1827, aged thirty years; he married Susanna Durst, born Nov. 26, 1798, daughter of Jacob Durst, died Dec. 4, 1864, aged sixty-six years.

There is a tradition that Nicholas Mautz came to this country bringing with him a sister, who married a Zimmerman or a Rothermel.

The Orphans' court docket of Northumberland

county, Book III, page 118, states that letters of administration were granted to Adam Heilman and George Martin (the widow Mary and son George having sent in their renunciation) upon the estate of Nicholas Moutz, late of borough of Sunbury, deceased 28 Feb., 1810; the widow's name, Mary, and children George, John and William only, are mentioned. Some of the thirteen children of Nicholas "Mountz" were: George, born March 26, 1776; Jacob, born Jan. 4, 1781, in Greenwich township, Berks county, who died Dec. 19, 1858, and is buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury (he married Elizabeth Cressinger, and his daughter Katie was Mrs. Cheny); Sallie, wife of Benjamin Underwood, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Betsy, wife of Henry Bucher, of Sunbury; and Polly, wife of Benjamin Deal, of Sunbury.

The line of the Northumberland county Mantz family comes from this source, but is not definitely traced. We give the following fragmentary records from the Orphans' court of Berks county: Vol. I, page 86, recites that John Mauntz, aged nineteen and upwards (13th Nov., 1761), son of Jacob Mautz, late of Heidelberg township, Berks county, deceased, and who died intestate, petitioned for a guardian. Court appointed John Eckert, blacksmith, of same township.

Page 87, same date, Mary Catharine, widow of above named, petitioned court to appoint guardians for her children, Lacarus, aged thirteen years, and Michael, aged eleven years. Court appointed Lazarus Winger and Henry Fiedler.

Page 101, same date, Jacob Moutz, aged sixteen years, son of Jacob, deceased, states that his father left considerable estate and that the widow was appointed administratrix, that she had lately intermarried with John Fister, and petitioned the court to appoint as his guardian his uncle George Loucks.—Granted.

Page 102, Feb. 12, 1762, George Mountz, in his petition to court states that his father died seven (7) years ago, leaving a widow and seven children and prays that the father's estate be valued. Commission appointed and it appraised the land at £600 and that George, the son of Jacob Mountz, late of Heidelberg township, Berks county, shall have the land upon paying the widow her dowry and the children their respective shares.

The records of Little Tulpehocken Church, Bernville, Berks county, state that they were communicant members in the years 1761, 1762 and 1763.

John A. Mantz, father of Charles W. Mantz, of Sunbury, was born May 11, 1827, in Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he died Dec. 7, 1891. He was a carpenter and planing mill man by occupation. Removing to Pottsville during his young manhood, he was married there to Harriet Sevilla Smith, who was born in Berks county, Pa.,

May 5, 1831, daughter of John Smith, and died Nov. 23, 1863, at Ashland, where they then resided; she is buried there. She was the mother of four children, born as follows: Reynold D., March 17, 1851; Charles W., May 16, 1854; William D., April 23, 1858; and Elmer E., Dec. 12, 1862. They came with their father to Sunbury after the mother's death. John A. Mantz subsequently married (second) Adaline Good, daughter of George Good, of Sunbury, and to this union were born six children, namely: George Edward, born July 4, 1869; Oliver S., Feb. 18, 1871; Susan J., Feb. 3, 1873; John T., Dec. 21, 1877 (died Aug. 15, 1878); Clinton A., Feb. 10, 1877; and J. Barton, March 27, 1879 (died April 23, 1881).

Charles W. Mantz received his education in the public schools of Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Coming to Sunbury in 1865, he here learned the planing mill business in the employ of Ira T. Clement, with whom he remained for the long period of twenty-five years, in the planing mill for ten years of that time and the other fifteen years as manager of the table works. In 1904 he began business on his own account, he and his three brothers, William D., Reynold D. and Elmer E., forming a partnership that year under the firm name of Mantz Brothers, and they have since been associated, having now the largest planing mill establishment in Sunbury. Charles W. Mantz is manager of this concern. The firm employs sixteen men, and all kinds of planing mill work are turned out. They also handle and deal in all kinds of lumber, and in both lines have built up a large business, which has shown a steady increase from the beginning. Mr. Mantz's long experience fits him well for the management of this plant and he has shown business ability as well as practical knowledge in the conduct of the establishment, much of the success of which has been due to his efficient oversight.

On Nov. 21, 1871, Mr. Mantz married Kate Rogers, of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, who died July 27, 1894, at the age of forty-one years. She was buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury. Nine children were born to this union, all the survivors living in Sunbury except Katie, viz.: Alice, who married Arthur E. Kelly; W. Harry; Sarah L., who married E. E. Jacoby; Margaret, unmarried; Katie M., who married Medus Huff and lives in Philadelphia; Guy H. and Charles E., twins, who died in infancy; Benjamin Wert, married to Nellie Markell; and Raymond L., who died when four years old.

Mr. Mantz has long been an active member of Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury, having led the choir—which has from twelve to sixteen excellent voices—for forty years, and he was chorister of the Sunday school for many years, having charge of the singing; he is still a teacher in the

Sunday school. In politics Mr. Mantz is an independent Republican, and interested in good local government. He represented the old Second ward in town council for two terms. Socially he belongs to the Protective Home Circle, which has a membership of six hundred in Sunbury.

WILLIAM D. MANTZ, another member of the firm of Mantz Brothers, of Sunbury, was born April 23, 1858, in the Catawissa Valley, in Columbia county, Pa. His education was obtained principally in the public schools of Sunbury, to which place he came with his father in childhood, in 1867. All his active years have been spent in the line of work in which he is still interested. In his youth he learned sash and door making at Sunbury, having followed this trade in all for about thirty-eight years. In 1904, when the firm of Mantz Brothers was organized, he became a member of the concern, in the success of which his long experience in sash and door manufacturing has proved a valuable asset. He has borne his share in the upbuilding of the business and has worked faithfully to establish it upon a substantial and permanent basis. Mr. Mantz is a member of the Pennsylvania Relief Association, and of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, the latter a fraternal insurance organization. In political matters he is identified with the Republican party.

In January, 1882, Mr. Mantz married Clara E. Rockefeller, daughter of Solomon and Catharine (Unger) Rockefeller, of the same family as Judge Rockefeller, of Sunbury, and they reside in their own home at No. 257 South Third street, Sunbury. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mantz, John S. and Lillie Adora. The son, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, lives at Sunbury, and is married to Emma Dietz; they have a daughter, Clara E., born Dec. 28, 1909. Mr. Mantz and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church of Sunbury.

WILLIAM J. GASS, a prominent farmer of Shamokin township, is a native of that township, born Aug. 29, 1845, and is the only son of Martin Gass, one of the leading citizens of this district in his day.

The Gass family is of German origin. William Gass, grandfather of William J. Gass, was an early settler in what is now Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and also lived in Lower Augusta township. He was a miller by trade, and ran the old mill now owned and conducted by W. A. Reed, at Paxinos. He hauled goods as far as Reading, Pa. William Gass died upon his farm in Shamokin township, near Paxinos, and is buried at St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church. He was well known in the locality in his time. His wife, Mary (Kershner), died at the age of one hundred years, and is buried near Pottsville, Pa. They had

children: Jacob, Reiley, Martin and Kate (Mrs. Zerbe).

Martin Gass, son of William, was born in 1823 in Shamokin township, and died Dec. 1, 1909, at the age of eighty-six. He followed farming principally, but also engaged in boating on the canal. He was well known in Shamokin township, being a leading member of the Democratic party, and a faithful official of the township, which he served as justice of the peace and school director. He married Elizabeth Persing, daughter of William and Mary Persing, the former of whom was born Nov. 18, 1792, and died June 18, 1881, aged eighty-eight years; his wife, Mary, born Aug. 22, 1795, died June 4, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gass are buried at the Blue church. They had two children, Eliza (who married J. J. Hogland) and William J.

William J. Gass was reared upon the farm, and remained with his father until he reached the age of twenty. He then resolved to try his fortune in the West, where he remained three years, spending two years of that time in the Rocky Mountain region. His experiences were varied and interesting, but he returned to his native home and has since remained in Northumberland county. After coming back home he was with his father for a time, until he took the farm in the Irish Valley, in Shamokin township, where he still makes his home. It was the old homestead of Solomon Himmel, one of the pioneers in this region, and here he has since worked and prospered, becoming one of the most substantial men of his community. For about fifteen years Mr. Gass also followed the butcher business in connection with farming, eventually selling his interests in that line to his sons. He has been active in local affairs, particularly in the welfare of the public schools, having served fifteen years as school director, which office he still holds; he has served twice as president of the school board. He has also been auditor of his township. The high standing he enjoys among his fellow citizens could be shown in no better way than by his long continuance in positions of responsibility, and his influence has always been considered a factor in local enterprises of every sort. He was made a Mason in 1872, is a member and past master of Elysburg Lodge No. 414, F. & A. M., and is a member of the Grange at Paxinos. Politically he is a Democrat. His religious connection is with the U. B. Church.

Mr. Gass married Clara Moyer, daughter of David Moyer and granddaughter of Jacob Moyer. They have had the following children: Oswald P., who lives at Reed's station, this county; Harry S., who lives in Sunbury; Sidney W., of Shamokin, this county, who is in the butcher business; Lorenzo D., who is associated with his brother Sidney; Harvey L., at home; Ursula, wife of William

Moody; Bertha, wife of J. Wesley Richie; and Annie.

NATHAN G. ADAMS, of Paxinos, Northumberland county, has established a substantial business as a dealer in agricultural implements and a manufacturer of wagons. His trade has grown steadily from the beginning. The stand is an old one. Mr. Adams is a comparatively recent comer to Paxinos, and previous to his removal hither was located at Bear Gap, in Ralpho township, where he carried on a general mercantile business.

Mr. Adams is a native of the county, born Feb. 1, 1866, in Ralpho township, near what is now the Blue church, and he is a great-grandson of Casper Adams, the first of the family in this country. Casper Adams was born April 25, 1755, at Langendiebach, Offenbourg, Germany. Little is known of his early life. On coming to this country he lived in Berks county, Pa., before coming to Northumberland county, where he was one of the earliest pioneers in Ralpho township, owning several hundred acres of land there. He cleared some of his land and followed farming. He died Jan. 26, 1832, and is buried at St. Peter's (the Blue) church in Ralpho township. Casper Adams married, in Berks county, Elizabeth Hinkle, of that county, and they had a large family, six sons and six daughters, namely: Frederick (1792-1853), John, Samuel, Casper, Leonard, Peter, Nellie (married George Startzel), Susanna (married Samuel Startzel), Elizabeth (married Gilbert Liby), Polly (married Peter Strausser), Maria (married Jacob Kreher) and Catharine (married Samuel Anspach).

Casper Adams, fourth son of Casper and Elizabeth (Hinkle) Adams, was born April 10, 1796, on the homestead farm in Ralpho township, and was there reared to farm life. When he became of age his father deeded 100 acres of land in Ralpho township to him, this being the farm afterward occupied by his son George C., near the Blue church. Mr. Adams was a man of active mind, one who interested himself in the general welfare as well as in the promotion of his own interests, and he was one of the foremost men of his locality for many years, well known as a staunch Democrat and as one of the most liberal supporters of the Blue Church, with which he was identified all his life; he served as elder of that church and was one of the most generous contributors toward the erection of the church edifice. He married Susanna Startzel (daughter of John), who was born March 14, 1800, and died Jan. 22, 1873; Mr. Adams died Jan. 28, 1882, and is buried at the Blue church. Their children were: Benjamin, who died in 1895, at the age of seventy-four years, (Edward, William F. and Lucinda were his children); Daniel H.; Casper, deceased; George C.,

born Aug. 17, 1826; David, born in 1830; Jacob, born in 1833, who died in 1895; Samuel, deceased; William; Elizabeth (deceased), who married William Smith; Susanna (deceased), who married William Klase; Polly, Mrs. Fry, deceased; Angelina, who married William Smith; and Harriet, deceased.

Daniel H. Adams, son of Casper and Susanna (Startzel) Adams, was born in 1822 on the old homestead near Elysburg, in Ralpho township. He followed farming all his life, owning a tract of about fifty acres near the Blue church, and in connection with his agricultural work engaged in lime burning. He died June 20, 1892. Mr. Adams married Sarah A. Pensyl, who was born in 1829, daughter of Leonard Pensyl, and died Jan. 4, 1908. They are buried at the Blue church. Twelve children were born to their union, viz.: Francis is a resident of Shamokin; John is deceased; Henry N. lives near Bear Gap, in Columbia county; D. Alonzo is on the old homestead in Ralpho township; Leonard M. is a resident of Shamokin; Nathan G. is located at Paxinos; Allison C. is living in Ralpho township; Marietta (deceased) was the wife of Frank Erdman, commissioner of Northumberland county; Emma married George Erdman; Elizabeth married Philip Richard and they live at Elysburg, Northumberland county; Lydia married Thomas Boughner, of Ralpho; Casper died young.

Nathan G. Adams attended the Kaseman school in Ralpho township. He was reared to farm life, remaining at home with his father for some time after his school days were over. His first employment away from home was with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in whose employ he remained about twelve years, being engaged as track foreman and having charge of the Weigh Scales division. Establishing himself as a general merchant at Bear Gap, in Ralpho township, he continued business there for seven years, at the end of that time selling out to J. W. Marks and removing to Paxinos, in Shamokin township, where he bought out A. C. Bobb. Here he has since been engaged as a dealer in implements, also manufacturing wagons, finding a steady demand in both lines in this community. His square methods and satisfactory transactions have won him a growing patronage. He has been quite active in the community since taking up his residence there, and is considered a substantial citizen. He has business interests also in Bear Gap, being president of the Bear Gap & Numidia Telephone Company.

Mr. Adams married Daisy Yocum, daughter of Obadiah Yocum, of Cleveland township, Columbia Co., Pa., and they have had a family of six children: Grace, Malcolm, Frederick, Earl (who died March 14, 1911), Sarah and Lewis.

Socially Mr. Adams holds membership in Elys-



burg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., and in the P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 189. In religion he adheres to the Reformed faith, being a member of the Blue Church (St. Peter's). He is a Democrat in politics, and while in Ralpho township served as constable and auditor.

DIETRICH. The branch of the Dietrich family to which Samuel and Levi Dietrich, prominent citizens in their respective communities, belong, is descended from one of eight brothers of that name who came from Germany about 1740 and settled at Philadelphia.

John Michael Dietrich, son of one of these eight brothers, was born in Philadelphia before the beginning of the Revolutionary war. When the battle of Brandywine was fought, in 1777, the Dietrich family lived near that now famous battlefield, and his mother took him and other small children into an underground cellar for safety. John Michael Dietrich served as a soldier under Maj. "Mad Anthony" Wayne, in 1794, in the Indian wars; and later he served in the war of 1812, receiving for his services four grants of land in Schuylkill county. It is probable one or two of these grants were located below Sunbury, in Northumberland county. After living for some time in Schuylkill county (where he was among the first settlers at what is now the site of Pottsville) he moved to a place below Sunbury, in what is now Lower Augusta township, and he farmed one of the islands of the Susquehanna river, all of which are embraced in Lower Augusta township. At this place he remained some years, and some of his children were married while the family resided there. Later he returned to Schuylkill county, locating in the Deep Creek Valley, in Barry township. There he died at an advanced age. He was a pensioned soldier at the time of his death. He was a cooper by trade. After leaving Philadelphia he had lived in Longswamp township, Berks Co., for a time, and there he was married to a Miss Seasholtz. Thence they moved to Schuylkill county. He was tall, raw-boned and of dauntless courage, and possessed a roving and adventurous disposition, taking part in several wars. His ten children, five sons and five daughters, were: Conrad never married; Jacob never married; Philip was killed in the coal mines at Mount Carmel, Pa.; John was married and some of his family now live at Mount Carmel; George is mentioned later; Polly married George St. Clair; Betsy married Daniel St. Clair, brother of George; Hannah married Adam Snyder; Susan; Sally married Jacob Derr.

George Dietrich, son of John Michael, was born in 1809, at Pottsville, Schuylkill county. In 1871 he moved to Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, where he died Nov. 3, 1895. He was a laborer, and for a number of years was employed in a brick-

yard, continuing to be active until late in life. His wife was Hannah Oyster, and their union was blessed with the following eleven children: Eliza was burned to death when twenty years old, at Newcastle, Schuylkill county; Harriet married Lance Parker, and they live at Shenandoah, Pa.; Mary never married; Kate married Abraham Fry; Hannah never married; Elizabeth married Peter Kauffman; Sarah married Thomas Moser; George died aged four years; John died aged twenty-two years; Samuel is mentioned later; Levi is mentioned later.

SAMUEL DIETRICH, former sheriff of Northumberland county, and at present warden of the county jail at Sunbury, was born in Schuylkill county June 21, 1854, son of George Dietrich. He began working in early youth in the coal mines, and followed the mining business until 1884, after which he conducted a hotel at Mount Carmel for five years. In 1894 he was appointed warden of the Northumberland county prison and served as such six years. In 1901 he was elected to the office of sheriff, in which he served in 1902-03-04. In 1909 he again received the appointment of jail warden, in which office he has since served. Mr. Dietrich has been active in Republican party affairs since 1880, and has served frequently as delegate to county convention, being a power in county political circles. He is financially interested in various business enterprises, and is a man of substance and prominence, occupying an honorable position in the community he has served so ably as a public official. He is a large man, six feet, two inches in height, and weighing 240 pounds.

In 1876 Mr. Dietrich married Margaret Jane Manney, daughter of Dennis Manney, and to them have been born six children: Mary married Claude Savage, and they live at Northumberland; Della is a school teacher at Mount Carmel; Maud married John Noadhecker and they live in Sunbury; Dr. George A. graduated from Mount Carmel high school and from Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, later attending four years and graduating from the University of Pennsylvania (1910); Ada died in infancy; Margaret is at home.

LEVI DIETRICH (DIETRICH), justice of the peace and prominent citizen of Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, was born at Llewellyn, Schuylkill Co., Pa., in 1857. He began work at the coal mines as a slate picker when a mere boy, and followed the occupation of mining many years. In 1871 he came with his parents to Mount Carmel, where he has since made his home. Mr. Dietrich is a Republican and has been active in promoting the welfare of his party. In 1897 he was elected constable of the borough of Mount Carmel, serving in this office nine years, until, in the spring of 1906, he was elected a justice of the peace, which office he now fills with merit. Mr. Dietrich was



also overseer of the poor of his district for some years.

Mr. Deitrich is popular socially. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., the P. O. S. of A. and the Improved Order of Red Men. In 1882, when the Anthracite Fire Company of Mount Carmel borough was organized, Mr. Deitrich was a charter member, and for many years was its efficient treasurer; for twenty-one consecutive years he rang the fire bell.

In May, 1878, Mr. Deitrich was united in marriage with Susan Stutzman, daughter of Adam and Susan C. Stutzman. To this union were born seven children, as follows: Elmer, George W., Clarence, Levi, Jr., John, William, and Annie (who died when three and a half years old). Mrs. Deitrich died May 7, 1899, aged forty-four years, six months, twelve days.

JOHN R. KAUFFMAN, of Sunbury, is a man of large financial affairs and real estate interests, principally active at present in the latter connection. His property holdings in the borough and, in fact, all over Northumberland county, are extensive and valuable, and their management now occupies the greater part of his time. For forty years Mr. Kauffman was engaged in mercantile business at Asherton, Lower Augusta township, his establishment being the business center of that locality for years. He was the first postmaster at that point, serving until his removal to Sunbury in 1889, and there was no better known citizen in that section. Since he settled in Sunbury, upon his retirement from the mercantile business, he has continued to give his numerous interests his personal attention, although he is now in his eighty-third year; his zeal and ability, however, are unabated and his intellect as keen as ever.

Mr. Kauffman was born Oct. 19, 1828, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, son of Daniel and Mary (Ressler) Kauffman. His education was begun in the old German subscription school held in Upper Mahanoy, which he attended until 1838, when his parents moved into Lower Augusta township. He there continued his studies in the English language, attending school, though not regularly, until he was about twenty years of age. Meantime he had worked on his father's farm, and was thus engaged until the age of twenty-two years, at which time, in 1850, he embarked in the mercantile business at what is now Asherton, in Lower Augusta township. He remained there until 1889, with the exception of six years during which he had a mercantile establishment at what is now Meiserville, in Snyder county, at the end of that period moving back to Lower Augusta township. In 1889 he removed to Sunbury. Prospering in everything he undertook, as his interests expanded he found himself extensively engaged in farming and the real estate business

in addition to his original line. He became postmaster at Asherton in 1886, when the office was established, and continued to serve as such until he came to Sunbury. One of the oldest business men in his section, he enjoyed a large patronage throughout his location there, and his place was long a business center, his full line of merchandise attracting the custom of a wide territory, and his accommodating methods holding customers from year to year. As his business thrived he acquired other interests and accumulated considerable real estate, still owning about three hundred acres in Lower Augusta township. Since he settled in Sunbury he has been one of the shrewdest investors in that borough, and by his foresight and sagacity has made a place for himself in the front rank of its intelligent business men. He is a director of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, and has been such since the organization of that concern, which he is also serving as a member of the finance committee. He is a director of the Pennsburg Manufacturing Company, of Pennsburg, Pa., and was connected with the Kauffman & Sons Planing Mill Company of Sunbury until the plant was removed to Pennsburg. For some years he was connected as director with the Blue Wing Copper Company of North Carolina, with the Sunbury Nail, Bar and Guide Iron Manufacturing Company and with the Buffalo Lumber Company of West Virginia. During his earlier years Mr. Kauffman was quite active in the local Democratic organization, was auditor of Lower Augusta township for a number of years, and also served as assessor. In 1861 he was drafted for the Civil war, and paid \$300 for a substitute, being unable to give personal service on account of home responsibilities.

On March 28, 1852, Mr. Kauffman married Boann Shaffer, daughter of John Shaffer, of Berwick, Pa., and they celebrated their golden wedding March 28, 1902. Mrs. Kauffman died April 15, 1907, aged seventy-five years, seven months, thirteen days. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman, as follows: Abia died April 27, 1873, aged twenty years, eight months, fifteen days; Dora A., who is unmarried, lives with her father; Frank S., born in 1857, now of Newton, N. J., who has for many years been secretary and treasurer of the Hart & Iliff Coal, Lumber & Supply Company, married Minnie Smink, daughter of Isaac Smink, of Shamokin, Pa., and they have two children, Elizabeth and John; Daniel S., who was a merchant at Millheim, Center Co., Pa., died April 26, 1903, aged forty-two years, one month, twelve days, unmarried; Alfretta married E. H. Long, of Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, and died Aug. 11, 1892, aged thirty-four years, twenty days (she was the mother of three children, Elroy and Stanley, both deceased, and Flossie V., who has made her home with her



grandfather from childhood, and who graduated in 1904 from the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.); Clara died unmarried March 11, 1889, aged twenty-six years, seven months, eleven days; John R., Jr., who has been highly educated, having graduated from Selinsgrove Academy and from Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., later having a year's study in Leipsic, Germany, was admitted to practice before the Northumberland county bar Sept. 2, 1889, when but twenty-two years old, was formerly secretary of the Buffalo Lumber Company, of Bayard, W. Va., and is now proprietor of the planing mill at Pennsylvania, Pa. (he is married, and has one daughter, Ruth); Annie died Sept. 15, 1894, aged twenty-two years, eleven months, thirteen days.

Mr. Kauffman and his family occupy a fine residence at No. 1103 Market street, Sunbury. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and during his residence in Lower Augusta township was a very active worker in St. Elias Church, which he served many years as elder and member of the council; he was also superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. In 1880, when the present brick building of the St. Elias Lutheran and Reformed Church was erected, he served as chairman of the building committee, giving most efficient service in that capacity. His wife was a member of the Lutheran congregation of that church.

HIRAM DREISBACH was born in Buffalo Valley, Union Co., Pa., Aug. 9, 1831. His original progenitor in America, Martin Dreisbach, emigrated from Witgenstein, Germany, arriving at Philadelphia Oct. 4, 1751, in the ship "Queen of Denmark," and located in Cocalico township, Lancaster Co., Pa. In 1773 he bought from Dr. William Plunkett a large tract of land in Buffalo Valley, in what is now Union county, Pa. This was on the frontier of the Province, and during the Revolutionary war, which followed soon after his removal thither, the family endured great hardships and dangers.

The subject of this sketch was one of a family of six sons and one daughter, born to the marriage of Martin Dreisbach, one of the early judges of Union county, and Elizabeth Kleckner, both of Buffalo Valley. The history of both families is closely interwoven with the early development of the country, the Dreisbach family being especially active in early religious work, as attested by the history of the Dreisbach Church, which forms so conspicuous a part in the religious annals of the community. Mr. Dreisbach received his early education in an old log schoolhouse under private tutelage, this training being accompanied with all the hardships and inconveniences common to the early days. Later he attended the Union College at New Berlin, Pa., completing his education with

a business course at Crittenden Business College, Philadelphia. He came to Sunbury shortly after the flood of 1865, and in company with his brother Solomon engaged in the grocery and queensware business, which they successfully conducted until the year 1892. This business, however, did not occupy all his attention, as he found time to carry on the retail lumber business, and later formed a partnership with the late William Whitmer, under the firm name of the Sunbury Lumber Company; they engaged in a general lumber business, operating both sawmills and planing mills for a number of years. Mr. Whitmer later retiring from the business, Mr. Dreisbach conducted it alone until the year 1904, when he sold it to the Mantz Brothers by whom it is still conducted. From that time until within a few months of his demise, which occurred Feb. 19, 1910, he gave his attention to the interests he had acquired during his more active years, retaining his business acumen to the last. His operations in the lumber business were carried on at a time when the lumber traffic on the Susquehanna was at its height, and he accumulated an excellent competence in that line alone, increasing his means by good investments and judicious management until he was accounted one of Sunbury's most substantial citizens. At the time of his death, he was one of the oldest business men of the community, and had the unlimited respect of all who knew him.

On July 28, 1864, Mr. Dreisbach married Rebecca Houghton, who was born Dec. 19, 1844, at Lewisburg, Pa., daughter of James and Margaret Houghton, formerly Margaret Bowman, of Halifax, Dauphin Co., Pa. She died Feb. 22, 1881.

Three children of this union survive: Frank M., a lumber merchant, of East Oakland, Cal.; and Nellie M., wife of Charles L. Benson, and Edith M., both of Sunbury.

MICHAEL J. HAILE, of Shamokin, senior member of the firm of M. J. Haile & Bros., merchants, began business on a small scale there in 1887 and has built up a trade which is a credit to his good management and honesty. He and his two brothers have an establishment at No. 110 North Hunter street so well stocked and patronized that they are justly classed among the most enterprising dealers of the borough.

Mr. Haile's father, Lawrence Haile, was born Aug. 10, 1830, in Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Matthias Haile, who lived and died in Wurtemberg. Lawrence Haile came to America in 1854, landing at New York City, whence he proceeded to Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and from that time until his retirement, in 1897, a period of forty-three years, he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. He was section boss for some time, and baggage master at Shamokin—to which borough he moved in 1874—

many years, and in one stretch of thirty-five years lost but thirty-six days, all on account of sickness. Such a record of industry is not often equalled. Mr. Haile took a trip to Germany in 1903 to visit his sisters.

On Sept. 30, 1857, Mr. Haile married Catharine Maringer, who was born Dec. 17, 1833, daughter of Peter Maringer, a native of Prizen, Germany, who died in his native land; he was a cabinetmaker by trade, and had the reputation of being a skilled workman. Mrs. Haile came to America in 1857 and was married shortly afterward. Mr. and Mrs. Haile celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding Sept. 30, 1907. Though both have reached advanced years they enjoy good health, and their long and industrious lives are rewarded with the peace due in old age. They had a family of seven children: Peter, a clerk, of Shamokin, married Mary Gribbins; Michael J. is mentioned more fully below; Lawrence, a boss carpenter at Scranton, Pa., married Annie Brennen; Francis J., a member of the firm of M. J. Haile & Bros., married Mary Burk, of Locust Gap, Pa.; Joseph T. resides with his parents; Katie is the widow of Joseph McLaughlin; Charles A., member of the firm of M. J. Haile & Bros., married Elizabeth Callaghan, of Locust Gap. The family home is at Race and Hunter streets.

Michael J. Haile was born Oct. 12, 1862, in Schuylkill county, Pa., eight miles northeast of Pottsville, and there received what little schooling he was allowed, attending but ten months. Before he was eight years old he began picking slate at the mines, and at that time he could speak only German. He continued at this work about eight years, doing outside duty at the mines, where he remained until eighteen years old. He then took up the butcher's trade, with Nicholas Timmes, and learned the business thoroughly. In 1887 he engaged in business in that line for himself, and three years later formed a partnership with his brother Francis J., under the firm name of M. J. Haile & Bro. In 1906 their younger brother, Charles A., became a member of the firm, which has since been known as M. J. Haile & Bros. Meantime various lines have been added to the original one, the stock now including meats, groceries, dry goods and notions, confectionery etc., for all of which they find a steady demand. The business has had a slow but sure growth, and it has expanded until the attention of all three brothers is well taken up with its conduct and management. Michael J. Haile is a director of the Shamokin and Coal Township Building and Loan Association, which he helped to organize July 1, 1904. He was one of the organizers and is a member of the original board of directors of the Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Shamokin.

On Jan. 6, 1890, Mr. Haile married Elizabeth Reck, daughter of Clemens and Genevieve (Reiber)

Reck, and a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. Five children have been born to this union: Cecelia E., Elizabeth, Clement, Michael, Jr., and Edward. All this family are members of St. Edward's Catholic Church and Mr. Haile is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

CRONE. The Crone family has been represented in Northumberland county from the time of Gotthilf C. Crone, a native of Westphalia, Germany, who brought his family here in the middle of the last century. He came to the United States in 1848, and first located at Reading, Pa., subsequently removing to Lehigh county (where he was engaged in the mining of slate), and one year later settling at Middleport, Schuylkill county. In 1855 he located at Trevorton, Northumberland county, where he died in 1868. He was a mine boss in Germany. In that country he married J. W. L. Stollen, who died while they were living in Middleport, and they were the parents of the following named children: Carl died in Germany; Henry Julius is mentioned below; Franklin, who died at Trevorton, was the father of Herman, Christian, Lena and Emma; Herman T. is mentioned below; George F. is mentioned below.

Though a resident of Trevorton for only a few years, comparatively, Gotthilf C. Crone was recognized as an intelligent and valuable citizen, and he was chosen to the offices of supervisor, tax collector and director of the poor. He took an active part in politics as a supporter of the Democratic party, and in church work as a member of the Lutheran Church, which he served many years as elder and also as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Henry Julius Crone, son of Gotthilf C., was born in Germany April 13, 1830, and came with his parents to America. He followed mining, acting for many years as boss for Douty & Baumgardner, at Shamokin. He served a term in the Union army during the Civil war, enlisting Oct. 17, 1862, in Company D, 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and receiving his discharge Aug. 1, 1863, at Harrisburg. Mr. Crone married Mary M. Kopp, who was born March 8, 1831, and who survives him, making her home at Shamokin. Mr. Crone died Jan. 1, 1899, and was buried at Shamokin. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crone: (1) Francis G., born Nov. 26, 1854, married Hannah Hepler, and they have had children: Henry, Mamie, Millie, Ida, Cyrus, Dora, Clara, Alma, Ethel, Victor and Francis. (2) Mary M. was born Feb. 23, 1856. (3) Theodore H., born May 9, 1857, died at Shamokin; he married Emma Schweitzer and they had three children, Maude, Minnie and Bessie. (4) Gotthilf C. is mentioned below. (5) Christiana Fredericka, born Aug. 28, 1860, married Joseph Kerstetter, and they have had children: Alvin, Lena, Della, Samuel, Agnes,



Edward, Mildred, Joseph and Herbert. (6) Lewis is mentioned below. (7) Mary Sophia, born Jan. 31, 1864, married Samuel Crist, and they live at Shamokin; their children are Hazel, Violet, Malcolm, Elsie and Elva. (8) Julius H., born March 1, 1866, married Minerva Rhine, and their children are Grace, Lena, Retta, Leah and John. (9) John Jacob, born Oct. 26, 1867, married Mary Romberger and has one daughter, Emma. (10) Henry John, born July 22, 1873, died young.

GOTTHILF C. CRONE, fourth child in the family of Henry Julius Crone, was born Nov. 2, 1858, in Trevorton, Northumberland county. He followed mining until he was twenty-nine years old, meantime, in 1884, moving to Shamokin, where he was employed in the mines for about two months. He then engaged in the butchering business with his brothers Francis and Jacob, later carrying on business on his own account. He now does an extensive business at Second and Chestnut streets. Mr. Crone is a member of Lodge No. 664, I. O. O. F., and of the Sr. O. U. A. M. In religious connection he is a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

On Nov. 4, 1878, Mr. Crone married Diana Long, and ten children have blessed this union: Theodore H. married Kate Treon, of Shamokin; George E. is mentioned below; Cora is the wife of Joseph W. Mause and they have one daughter, Josephine; Charles married Ida Mattern and they have three children, Herbert, Elline and Florence; Frances, a graduate of the Shamokin high school, taught three years in Cameron township and two years in Shamokin before her marriage to Grover Shipman, and they reside at Danville, Pa. (they have a daughter, Marion E.); Oscar married May Swift and (second) Helen Boch and they have one child, Maude Helen; Arthur married Pearl Boyd, and has one child, Harriet F.; Grover is at home, assisting his father; Madeline and Dorothy M. are still in school.

George Long, grandfather of Mrs. Gotthilf C. Crone, was a farmer and the largest landowner in Cameron township, Northumberland county, and served upon the first school board of that township. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose name was Leah Bracher, had the following children: Samuel, Daniel, John, Peter, Jacob, William, Kate and Hannah. By his second wife, Elizabeth (Schleich), he also had a large family, viz.: Elias, Ellen, Kate, Polly, Elijah, Joseph, Jessie and Sallie.

Elias Long, eldest son of George by his second marriage, was the father of Mrs. Crone. He was a lifelong farmer in Cameron township, and the family have a burial plot there, at the Union church, at Gowen City. He married Angeline Houpt, and their children were: William, Benneville, Diana (Mrs. Crone), Joel, Alice, Hettie, who survive, and Lydia A., Francis, Ella and Rosie, all deceased.

GEORGE E. CRONE, son of Gotthilf C., was born Aug. 27, 1879, in Douthville, Northumberland county, and learned the butchering business with his father at Shamokin, where he began business on his own account March 21, 1907. His location is at No. 132 South Market street, and he has established a profitable trade. His good business methods and honesty show him to be a typical representative of the name he bears.

On Dec. 22, 1899, Mr. Crone married Nettie A. Goodling, daughter of Isaac Goodling and granddaughter of Charles Goodling, who was born near York, Pa., and later moved to Snyder county, where he followed farming near Meiserville. He married Lucy Diehl, of York county, and their children were: Isaac, George, Lewis, Henry, Jonathan, and Lucy (deceased).

Isaac Goodling, father of Mrs. Crone, is a farmer near Freeburg, Snyder county. He married Catharine Gehnett, daughter of George Gehnett, and three children were born to them: John W., who died Dec. 28, 1899, in the Philippines, while serving in the United States army; William; and Nettie A., Mrs. George E. Crone. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Crone.

LEWIS CRONE, sixth child in the family of Henry Julius Crone, was born April 6, 1862, at Trevorton, Northumberland county, and received his education in the public schools. When but nine years old he commenced work as a slate picker at Brady, this county, and he was employed at the mines for about fourteen years, as engineer and machinist. For two years after that he was in the hotel business at Helfenstein, Pa., returning thence to Shamokin, where he was engaged as an engineer for some time and also followed the hotel business for eight years. He has since been in the cigar manufacturing business, which he started May 1, 1905, having factory No. 296, in the 12th district, at Nos. 556-558 North Third street. Mr. Crone disposes of the greater part of his product in Northumberland county, where his five-cent brands "Crone Special," "Graino," "Honest Value," "American Leader," "John Trumbull" and "American Bond," and his "William Windom" ten-cent brand, are well and favorably known, being popular because of their proved excellence. He gives employment to six men, and by turning out goods of high grade has established a constant demand for the output of his factory.

Mr. Crone is very well known beyond the limits of his business acquaintanceship, having numerous other interests which bring him into contact with his fellow citizens. He plays in the Our Band, is a member of the Rescue Fire Company, and socially holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, in Taghneghdouras Tribe, No. 225, I. O. R. M., and in Shamokin Lodge No. 664, I. O. O. F. His religious connection is with Grace Lutheran Church. Though a Democrat in a strongly



Republican ward he has been assessor of the Tenth ward since 1893.

On June 11, 1881, Mr. Crone married Christina Koons; daughter of Michael Koons, and to them have been born children as follows: Robert A., a musician, who plays with Our Band and Zenda Orchestra (he is a cigarmaker by trade); William H., who is also a musician (member of Our Band and the Zenda Orchestra) and who assists his father in the cigar manufacturing business; Raymond L., at school; Charles L. and Francis W., both at school.

GEORGE FRANCIS CRONE, son of Gotthilf C. and J. W. L. (Stollen) Crone, was born in 1832 in Westphalia, Prussia, and came to this country with his parents. He was employed for many years in the slate and coal mines of this region, in 1865 being appointed superintendent of the mines at Trevorton. Later he was engaged in the same capacity at Mahanoy Valley and Shamokin, continuing at this work until 1885, when he opened a restaurant at Shamokin. He has conducted the establishment ever since, making a success of that business as he has of his other ventures. He was associated with his brother, H. T. Crone, in the manufacture of powder, the works being at Trevorton, where, as at Shamokin, he has many friends. While living there he was honored with choice to the offices of election judge and constable. He is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Lutheran Church, socially belonging to Shamokin Lodge, F. & A. M., and Lincoln Post, G. A. R. He is entitled to membership in the latter organization by reason of his service in the Civil war, having enlisted in 1862 in Company D, 172d Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which command he served nine months.

In 1857 Mr. Crone married Charlotte Creamer, and they have had eight children, the survivors being: Lena (wife of Isaac P. Treon), Christian, Herman T. and Sarah A.

HERMAN T. CRONE, brother of George F. and son of Gotthilf C. and J. W. L. (Stollen) Crone, was born in Westphalia, Prussia, in 1834. He came to this country with his parents, and like most of the family engaged in mining during his early years, which he also followed after moving with his father to Trevorton. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, 172d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he served nine months. In 1869 he engaged in the butchering business at Trevorton, continuing it until his death, and in 1882 he also engaged in the powder business, becoming a member of the firm of Gillespie, Crone & Co., who founded the Shamokin Powder Company. Subsequently selling his interest in that concern, he formed a partnership with his brother George F. Crone, and they erected the works at Trevorton, manufacturing powder under the firm name of H.

T. Crone & Brother. He died at Trevorton. Mr. Crone was long regarded as one of the most substantial and progressive citizens of that place, taking great interest in public matters, encouraging the establishment of various public utilities, and serving as school director and tax collector. He was a Democrat in politics and in religion a member of the Lutheran Church. Socially he held membership in the Knights of Pythias and the I. O. O. F.

In 1861 Mr. Crone married Fredrica Knapp, who died in 1862, leaving one child, who died young. His second marriage was to Mary S. Yuengling, of Trevorton, and six of the children born to this union reached maturity: Emma C., Louisa P., Francis G., Henry J., Bertha C. and William.

SAMUEL H. MCKINNEY, present chief burgess of the borough of Sunbury, has been engaged in business there from early manhood, conducting the only established general transfer business at that point. He is a native of Herndon, Northumberland county, born Feb. 20, 1868.

The McKinney family is of Scotch-Irish origin. David McKinney, the great-great-grandfather of Samuel H. McKinney, lived in New Jersey and Virginia before he came to Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he located in the spring of 1772. He was a miller by trade, but he established one of the first distilleries at Sunbury and carried on the business some years. Late in life he removed to a farm on the West Branch, near the Great Island, and there died at an advanced age. He had a family of nine children, Abraham, Mary, John, Isaac, Sarah, Jacob, James, Elizabeth and Rachel. Of these, Isaac removed to Center county, Pa., where he became a prominent citizen, establishing an iron furnace and serving as associate judge.

Abraham McKinney, son of David, was born Nov. 12, 1762, and came to Northumberland county from New Jersey. He first lived at what is now the site of Herndon, being one of the earliest settlers thereabout, and later moved to Sunbury, where he followed his trade of stonemason and built many of the stone houses in that section, some of his work still standing. He built and operated the first mill on Mahanoy creek, in Jackson township. He died at Sunbury Sept. 13, 1835, and was the first person buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury. Among his children were Jacob, John and James, of whom Jacob served as sheriff of Northumberland county (1830-33) and was a prominent man in various ways; he subsequently went West, where he died.

James McKinney, son of Abraham, was born in 1805 at Mahanoy, Northumberland county. He learned milling, and followed that trade for many years. Obtaining a position as foreman on

the Philadelphia & Reading railroad he located in Schuylkill county, and followed that line of work throughout his active years. He died at Cressona, that county, at the age of seventy-seven years, and is buried there. He married Lydia Sheriff, a native of Northumberland county, who also died at Cressona, Schuylkill county. They were the parents of seven children: Hiram, who died young; Abraham, who died young; Abigail, who died young; David, who died at Cressona, Schuylkill county; Lovina, wife of Michael Thomas; Sarah J., Mrs. Lynch; and Samuel.

Samuel McKinney, father of Samuel H. McKinney, was born May 2, 1826, six miles east of Sunbury. He learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed all his active life, being in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company for the long period of forty-one years, engaged on the construction of bridges, locks and canal repairs. In 1849 he settled at Herndon, where he has since maintained a home, being now the oldest living resident of the place. He has always been an intelligent citizen, and is well informed on local matters. He retired in the year 1899. Mr. McKinney is a Democrat in political conviction, but has never been active in public or political affairs.

Mr. McKinney married Mary A. Ziegler, daughter of Andrew and Catharine (Wise) Ziegler. She died July 25, 1900, aged sixty-six years, five months, eleven days, and is buried at Herndon. Five children were born to this union: James Monroe married Hettie Heim and they have children, Archie B., Erma, Charles E., Guy, Samuel W., Daniel H. and Wilbur; Andrew J. married Catharine Ruth and they have had four children, Ethel, Dorothy, Gerald and Harold; Samuel H. is mentioned below; Sarah died young; Catharine died aged twenty-three years.

Samuel H. McKinney received his education in the schools of his home locality at Herndon. His first work was upon a sawmill, where he was engaged for a short time, after which he did farm work at Herndon for a while. In 1885 he first came to Sunbury, finding employment with Ira T. Clement, with whom he remained four months, after which he was engaged at the "Neff House." In 1888, while still employed at that hotel, he began the draying business which he has ever since continued. In 1894 he added a general hack and transfer business to his original line, which he has extended until he now has the best trade of the kind in his section. He runs three hacks and three drays, and he makes his headquarters at the "City Hotel." Mr. McKinney owes his prosperity to his earnest attempts to please his patrons in every branch of his business, his accommodating disposition and excellent management enabling him to accomplish many things which have won him friends and customers all over this section.

For several years Mr. McKinney has taken an

active part in the local civil administration. He was elected to represent the Second ward of Sunbury twice in the borough council, and in 1908 was elected chief burgess, receiving a majority of 345 votes—a very large majority for a Democrat in his community. Socially he holds membership in Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, of Sunbury, Pa., and in No. 1 Fire Company.

PENSYL. The Pensyl family has been represented in Northumberland county for one hundred and thirty-five years, ever since the advent in America of Jacob Pensyl, or, as the name was originally spelled, Bentzel. He was a native of Germany, and coming to this country made his home in Northumberland county, Pa., taking up fifty acres of land at the present site of the borough of Shamokin. His location was where the "Eagle Hotel" now stands. Later he abandoned this place and took up a 200-acre tract in Ralpho township (where his great-grandson, David R. Pensyl, later resided) to which he moved. He had one son, John.

John Pensyl, son of Jacob, was born in 1767, and was nine years old when his father settled at what is now Shamokin. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, one of the organizers and original members of the old Blue Church in Ralpho township, and donated an acre of ground for church purposes, the edifice of that congregation being located thereon to this day. He died upon the homestead in Ralpho township in April, 1849, at the age of eighty-two. John Pensyl married Barbara Hinkle, and to them were born five children: Kate, who married Frederick Lebie; Leah, who married John Fisher; John, who was twice married; George, born Aug. 1, 1799; and Leonard.

John Pensyl, eldest son of John and Barbara (Hinkle) Pensyl, was born on the old homestead in Ralpho township. When a young man he went to Sunbury and learned the trade of shoemaker. Later he purchased a farm of two hundred acres at Union Corners, in Rush township, where he lived for a number of years, afterward purchasing and removing to the adjoining farm, where he died in 1873. By his first marriage, to Lydia Kaseman, he had six children: George, born May 14, 1818, died July 7, 1880; John, shoemaker and farmer of Rush township, lived retired before his death; Daniel lives at Danville, Pa.; Barbara, deceased, was the wife of Henry Hill, of Shamokin township; Hannah, who died at Manayunk, Philadelphia, was twice married, her first husband being Charles Dimick, her second John Hiney; Catharine married James Matter, of Scranton, Pa. For his second wife Mr. Pensyl married Mary Arter, daughter of John and Mary (Heller) Arter, of Elysburg, and she died Nov. 18, 1890, at the home of her son Adam, in Rush township, at the

advanced age of eighty-seven years. Seven children were born to this marriage: Jacob died in 1861, when twenty-six years old; William is mentioned below; Samuel, who was a retired farmer of Rush township, died in 1897; Margaret died when twenty years old; Adam is mentioned below; Henry A. died at the age of twenty years; and Francis lives at Jersey Shore, Pa. (he was a merchant, miller, postmaster and farmer at Pensyl, Columbia county, for some years).

WILLIAM PENSYL, son of John and Mary (Arter) Pensyl, is probably the best known man in his section of Northumberland county. He was born Sept. 29, 1835, on the Pensyl homestead in Rush township, and was educated in the local schools. When a boy he went to learn tanning with Charles Hull, with whom he worked for several years, at the tannery near Elysburg which is now his own property. He manifested considerable aptitude for the work and became an expert, and in 1857 he was made a partner in the business with William Hull, in Ralpho township, this association lasting until 1867. Mr. Pensyl then took his brother Francis into partnership, meantime purchasing and enlarging the tannery property, raising the capacity to two hundred hides a week. The brothers carried on the business together until 1880, in which year William Pensyl became sole owner. He has one of the oldest and best known tanning establishments in central Pennsylvania, and his output has always been in steady demand. This place has been burned out twice, with considerable loss, the first time in May, 1859, and again on Feb. 3, 1901; Mr. Pensyl rebuilt at once. Though he was successful in the tanning business he did not devote all his time to that one line, becoming quite extensively interested in the shipping of horses, which he found profitable, and in connection with his tannery he has three hundred acres of valuable land at Elysburg, the old Rothermel and Hull farms. On this property he has erected all new buildings, and has everything in up-to-date condition. Mr. Pensyl was one of the first directors of the First National Bank of Danville, Pa., and of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Shamokin, but he has resigned from both boards. He is director and president of the Shamokin Township Fire Insurance Company. He was president of the board of supervisors of Ralpho township, has served many years as school director (being also president of the board), and in other useful associations has proved his public spirit and real interest in the general welfare. His extensive business enterprises have afforded employment for a number of men, and all in all he has been as thoroughly identified with the best interests of the community as any other one citizen. He is a Republican in politics and a Baptist in religion, and formerly served as trustee of his church. Socially he is a prom-

inent member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, and he has been treasurer of that body for the past twenty years.

On June 28, 1860, Mr. Pensyl married Harriet C. Hull, daughter of Isaac and Catharine (Ritter) Hull, of Ralpho township. She died Aug. 10, 1899, and is buried at the Rush Baptist church. The following children were born to this marriage: M. Laura married William Reed, a prominent miller at Shamrock, Pa.; Estella V. is the wife of Dr. Amos Persing; Annie M. married Preston Vought, an attorney of Mount Carmel; Viola married A. C. Bobb, of Paxinos; Carrie B. married Willard Mittler, who is engaged in farming for his father-in-law.

ADAM PENSYL, son of John and Mary (Arter) Pensyl, is now living retired at Elysburg, a respected citizen, who has led an industrious and useful life. He was born Jan. 18, 1842, at Union Corners, in Rush township, Northumberland county, and there attended the public schools. He was reared upon the farm, where he remained until his enlistment, in 1864, in Company C, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served to the close of the Civil war, thereafter doing guard duty until discharged. His service included the battle at Petersburg and the eight days' fight. Upon his return from the army he went to Sunbury, where he drove a mill team for some time, after which he went back home and farmed his father's land until the latter's death. He then bought the homestead place, consisting of 150 acres, some of which has been cleared by him. He has made many improvements on the property, including an entire set of new buildings, and made his home there from 1866 until his retirement, in 1900. That year he removed to Elysburg, where he has since resided. During his army service Mr. Pensyl contracted rheumatism, from which he has suffered ever since. While in Rush township he served as overseer of the poor, and he is a well known member of the community, commanding the esteem of all with whom he associates.

Mr. Pensyl married Henrietta Vought, daughter of E. Howell and Louise (Crowl) Vought, and they have had four children: Edward, who died when twenty-one months old; Ambrose; Addie, who is at home; and Lena, who died when five years old. The son Ambrose is now engaged in farming the homestead, being the third generation of his family to cultivate that place. He married Sadie Klingman, and their children are Leon, Chester, Lawrence, Myrlan and Henrietta. The family are Lutherans in religious connection. Politically Mr. Pensyl is a Democrat.

EMANUEL S. RADLE, of Dalmatia, now living retired, has had a successful and useful career, and he is well known in Lower Mahanoy

township and that section of the county, having held official positions and engaged in business there for a number of years. He was born Jan. 16, 1845, in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin Co., Pa., on the farm of his father, Daniel Radel.

According to family tradition and the statements of the older residents of this region the Radel family descends from one of the Hessian soldiers who came to this country to fight in King George's army during the Revolution and remained here after the close of the war. It is in part confirmed by record that Daniel and John Radel were brothers who came to America as Hessian soldiers. John Radel lived near Berrysburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., later moving across the Susquehanna river to Snyder or Juniata county. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Schroyer, had these children: Hannah, Catharine, Julia, Elizabeth, Polly, Susan, Sallie, Philip and John. His second wife, whose maiden name was Minnich, was the mother of: George, Thomas, Simon, Jonas and Daniel.

There is record of the will of one Michael Roedel, of Mifflin township, Dauphin county, made Feb. 1, 1828, probated Jan. 26, 1829. The executors were his oldest son-in-law, Christophel Yeager, and Joseph Roedel; witnesses, John Happel, John N. Happel and Samuel Koppenhaffer. He left a farm in Mifflin township to his oldest sons, Joseph and Michael (\$2,000); a farm in Mifflin to his son Daniel (\$1,100); Joseph "shall have \$471 for his hereditament"; Elizabeth, \$351; Annamaria, \$221; Marktha, \$200; Catharine, \$271; Anna, \$271; Hana, \$231; Susanna, \$251. There was another clause: "Because my housewife left me 15 months ago without cause, and contrary to agreement as made Aug. 4, 1824, that had she remained until after my death she would have been paid \$60 in money and been given free place of residence in my house and land."

There is also on record the will of Elizabeth Radel, dated June 9, 1841; executor, Benjamin Koppenhaffer.

The grandfather of Emanuel S. Radle had a family of three sons and several daughters, three of whom are mentioned, namely: Daniel; Michael; Joseph; Margaret, Mrs. Jacob Hoch; Elizabeth, Mrs. Christophel Yeager; and Mrs. Mittle. This would indicate that he was the Michael Roedel whose will is given above. Of the sons, Daniel and Michael are mentioned below; Joseph settled across the Susquehanna river in Perry county, owned land and was a farmer; he is buried at Liverpool, along the Susquehanna. His wife, whose maiden name was Weaver, bore him three children: George, Rebecca, and another daughter.

Daniel Radel, son of Michael, was born about 1805 in Lykens Valley, Dauphin county, and owned a farm of 162 acres in Upper Paxton township (now owned by Henry Lark) which formerly

belonged to his father. He died in March, 1857, aged fifty-one years, six months, of typhoid fever. He is buried in the cemetery of Killingers Lutheran Church. He was an enterprising man and successful in his work. His wife, Mary Magdalena (Spotts), daughter of Adam Spotts, was born in Tulpehocken township, Berks Co., Pa., and died in her eightieth year; she is buried at the Stone Valley Church, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. They had children as follows: Benjamin lived in Pauls Valley, Dauphin county; Lydia married Alexander Schuman; Polly (Mary Magdalena) died unmarried; Daniel lives in Lower Mahanoy township; John died unmarried; Kate married William Allman; Emanuel S. is mentioned below; Rebecca married Levi Bohner, and died in young womanhood.

Emanuel S. Radle was reared to farm life and followed that kind of work until he enlisted, during the Civil war, for service in the Union army. In August, 1864, he became a member of Company F, 201st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, volunteering for a year, and saw active service in Virginia; he was detailed as dispatch carrier for a signal corps. After the war he located in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, where he entered into a partnership with his father-in-law, Philip Messner, under the firm name of Messner & Radle, conducting a general store at Mahantango, in the extreme southwestern part of the township. This firm existed for four years, at the end of which time Mr. Radle commenced railroading on the Northern Central road, on which he was engaged for ten years, being watchman on Section No. 25, between Mahantango and Georgetown. After that he followed lumbering in the lower end of the county for twelve years, employing on an average six men. For the next four years his operations were transferred to Harrisburg, where he ran a mill, having purchased a section of stray logs. He sawed fully four million feet during those four years, and had as many as twenty-five men in his employ at a time. Most of his lumber was disposed of in Harrisburg, Gettysburg, Carlisle, and in the central part of the State. His next business venture was as proprietor of a drug and hardware store at Georgetown (Dalmatia), and in 1902 he assumed personal charge of the establishment, having had a clerk there for fully a year. This store he conducted until the fall of 1909, when he sold out and retired. He prospered steadily during his active years, and besides two dwellings in Dalmatia, where he makes his home, he has several properties in Tower City, Schuylkill county. He has taken considerable part in the work of the Democratic party in his locality, having been township committeeman for four years and delegate to a number of county conventions. He served his district as school director for five years,

and was justice of the peace of Lower Mahanoy township.

In August, 1866, Mr. Radle married Sarah Messner, daughter of Philip and Mary (Dockey) Messner. Mrs. Radle died May 12, 1894, aged forty-four years, one month, seven days, and is buried at the Union Church at Dalmatia. Seven children were born to this union: (1) A daughter lived only twenty-four hours. (2) Philip E. graduated from the Mount Joy Soldiers' Orphans school, in Lancaster Co., Pa., and received a gold medal of honor; he also graduated from the Millersville State Normal school in 1898, and taught school in Philadelphia. Afterward he took a course in the Dickinson School of Law, was graduated, and was admitted to practice in Cumberland, Northumberland and Snyder counties, Pa. He was accidentally killed Feb. 22, 1909, on the railroad, near Paradise, in Monroe county, Pa. By his first marriage, to Mamie Ziegler, he had one daughter, Mamie I. Mrs. Mamie Radle dying not long after her marriage, he married (second) Edna Paige, by whom he had three sons, Lawrence, Philip Rex and William M. (3) Lettie died aged seven years. (4) Howard died when thirteen years old. (5) Irene graduated from the Mount Joy Soldiers' Orphans school, and attended the Shippensburg State Normal school. In 1894, in her senior year, owing to her mother's illness, she was obliged to return home and she tended and cared for her until her death. She was most successful as a teacher, having taught when she was but sixteen years of age. She married George W. Dilling, and they reside in Philadelphia. She has two children, Carl Emerson, aged sixteen, and Bissie, aged seven. (6) Julia graduated from the Mount Joy Soldiers' Orphans school. She also attended the Shippensburg State Normal school, finishing the course there. Like her sister Irene she was a most successful teacher. She taught the high school at Dalmatia for two years, and also taught high school at Uwchland, Chester Co., Pa., for a time. She was a graduate from the Shoemaker Elocution College, Philadelphia, and later on from the Dickinson School of Law at Carlisle, Pa., being the first lady lawyer upon whom that school conferred the degree. She married Daniel A. Kline, now serving his second term as superintendent of schools of Perry county, Pa., where they reside, at New Bloomfield. Mr. Kline is a graduate of the State Normal school, having later taken a course at Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., where he graduated with honors. Mr. and Mrs. Kline have three children, all daughters, namely, Sarah V., aged six years, Margaret, four years and Carolyn, two years. (7) Daniel W., who is unmarried and resides with his father at Dalmatia, served during the Spanish-American war in Cuba and the Philippine Islands.

Mr. Radle and his family are members of the Reformed congregation of the Georgetown Lutheran and Reformed Church. He has served as elder for twenty years, from 1891 to the present time.

Michael Radel, son of the Michael Roedel mentioned above, was a resident of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, living and farming near Radel's schoolhouse. He owned four large farms (one of them the place now belonging to Daniel Heckert) and a half interest in Wert's gristmill which was located along the Mahantango creek in Lower Mahanoy township. He was a man of affairs, and wielded considerable influence in his district. His death occurred March 25, 1864, when he was aged fifty-six years, eight months, three days, and his wife, Catharine, whose maiden name was Bonawitz, subsequently married for her second husband Jacob Witmer. She died May 25, 1892, aged 80 years, 6 months, 6 days, and they are buried at Zion's Church, of which Mr. Radel was an active Lutheran member, holding various church offices. The children of Michael and Catharine Radel were as follows: Solomon, Isaac, Henry, John, Elias, Elizabeth (married Elias Byerly), Catharine (married Alexander Bingaman), Lovina (married Emanuel Klinger), Polly (married Harry Lentz), Emma, Mrs. Andrew Riegel and Mary (married Hiram Hoch).

Isaac Radel, son of Michael, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, became a farmer, and lived and died on the farm of 100 acres near Stone Valley Church which he owned. He also owned a tract of thirty-five acres in Mahantango Valley, Lower Mahanoy township, and was a substantial, respected citizen, a successful farmer and a useful member of his community. His homestead is now owned by Morris Bohner. He died June 28, 1897, aged sixty-four years, eight months, two days, and his wife, Mary Ann (Lenker), daughter of George and Catharine (Snyder) Lenker and granddaughter of Johan Adam Snyder, died Nov. 11, 1895, aged sixty years, nine months, ten days. They are buried at the Stone Valley Church. Mr. Radel was an active member of the Lutheran congregation of that church, and held the offices of deacon, elder, treasurer and trustee. Mr. and Mrs. Radel had these children: George, Benjamin, Emma (married Adam Seaman), Malinda, Michael, Marietta (married Harry Spotts), Elmer I., Jeremiah and Frank.

ELMER I. RADEL, a farmer of Lower Mahanoy township, near Hickory Corners, was born in that township Sept. 3, 1869. He worked for his parents until he attained his majority, gaining a thorough knowledge of farm work, and afterward for ten years engaged in threshing, sawmilling and coal digging, owning a coal digging apparatus.

He was engaged in his own and other counties, having spent about five years, in all, in Montour county. In 1900 he purchased the William Schaffer homestead, a tract of 131 acres (some of which is woodland) near Hickory Corners, upon which he has since made his home. He is successfully engaged in dairying as well as general farming, having a fine dairy herd, including some registered Holstein cattle, and takes milk daily to Dalmatia and Hickory Corners. He has been road commissioner of his township since 1908.

On June 18, 1892, Mr. Radel married Lizzie Spotts, daughter of Aaron and Sarah J. (Schaffer) Spotts, and they have had children as follows: Charles (deceased), Nevin (deceased), George R. (deceased), a son that died in infancy, Maud H., Clarence E., Margaret E. and Mabel Pauline. In politics Mr. Radel is a Republican, and in religion he is a Lutheran, holding membership in the Stone Valley (Zion's) Church, of which his wife is a Reformed member. He is giving his second period of service as treasurer, and has also been deacon and elder. He has also been active in the work of the Sunday school, in which he was a teacher for about fifteen years.

DANIEL W. KEHLER, member of the firm of Kehler Brothers, attorneys at law, and who also conduct a real estate and fire insurance business, at Mount Carmel, is a member of a family of German origin which has been long established in this State. He was admitted to the bar Dec. 22, 1902.

Charles Kehler, grandfather of Daniel W., followed farming in Eldred township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he died. His son, Charles Z. Kehler, was a butcher, and followed his trade for some time. He located in Mount Carmel in 1882, and was here engaged at day labor until his death, which occurred Jan. 25, 1898. He is buried in the Union Cemetery, in Eldred township, Schuylkill county. His widow, Sarah (Wetzel), daughter of Henry and Catharine (Hoffman) Wetzel, still makes her home in Mount Carmel. They had a family of seven children, namely: Emma is the wife of S. H. Geist, a merchant of Mount Carmel; Thomas died when nineteen years old; Daniel W. is mentioned below; R. W. is employed as car inspector on the Lehigh Valley railroad; Charles H. is a boss in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company; Kate is the wife of H. H. Otto and is living at Tremont, Pa.; James G. was graduated from the Mount Carmel high school, the Bloomsburg State normal school and the University of Pennsylvania and is now practicing law in partnership with his brother.

Daniel W. Kehler was born in 1868 in Schuylkill county, came to Mount Carmel in the spring of 1882 with his parents, and graduated from

the high school in 1888. He then entered Schuylkill Seminary (now Albright College), at Myers-town, Lebanon Co., Pa., and subsequently studied law in the office of J. E. Bastress at Mount Carmel. He was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county Dec. 22, 1902, and to practice in the Supreme court in January, 1903. In 1909 he formed his present partnership with his younger brother, James G. Kehler. Their offices are at No. 18½ North Oak street and in addition to a general law business of growing proportions they deal in real estate and fire insurance. Mr. Daniel W. Kehler has, in his several years of practice, attained considerable reputation and gained the confidence of his fellow citizens of Mount Carmel, and he is at present serving them as borough solicitor. He has filled other public trusts, having been borough auditor three years and is at present a member of the school board from the Fourth ward. He is a member of the Anthracite Fire Company and was one of the trustees of same for some time.

When a boy, shortly after the family removed to Mount Carmel, Mr. Kehler met with an unfortunate accident while engaged in picking slate at one of the collieries, losing his right arm Sept. 12, 1882. He has, however, completely overcome any disability on this account.

Socially Mr. Kehler holds membership in the P. O. S. of A., Washington Camp No. 231; in the I. O. O. F., John Stine Lodge, No. 1150; in the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Red Men. He is a leading member of St. Paul's United Evangelical Church, in the work of which congregation he takes an active part, and he has been an official many years. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.

On Oct. 16, 1904, Mr. Kehler married Carrie Ayers, daughter of Alfred Ayers, of Mount Carmel, and they reside at No. 32 South Maple street, Mount Carmel. They have had two children, a son that died in infancy and Anna Evelyn.

ALFRED AYERS, father of Mrs. Daniel W. Kehler, is one of the oldest residents of Mount Carmel. He was born July 25, 1841, at York Tunnel, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Abram and Anna (Russell) Ayers, the former of whom was a miner in Schuylkill and Northumberland counties, at one time a mine foreman; he also operated a mine on his own account. He moved to Mount Carmel in 1853 and there resided until his death, in 1883. He married Anna Russell, like himself a native of England, whose father, James Russell, was a pioneer miner of Schuylkill county, where he lived and died. To Mr. and Mrs. Abram Ayers were born the following children: Mary A., Mrs. Frank Pershing; Alfred; Caroline; Ettie, Mrs. John Bell; Clara, Mrs. John Shaw; and Sarah, Mrs. Frank Shoener.

Alfred Ayers came to Mount Carmel with his

father in 1853. He began mine work on a breaker, was afterward employed as a loader, and finally became a miner. By faithful work he won promotion to the position of fire boss, then became assistant boss, and in December, 1888, became inside foreman at the Alaska shaft.

During the Civil war Mr. Ayers served nine months in Company G, 129th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and received an honorable discharge after completing his term. He is a Republican in politics.

On Oct. 18, 1860, Mr. Ayers married Caroline E. Adams, daughter of James Adams, of Mount Carmel, and they had a large family, ten of whom reached maturity, namely: Eliza E. (Mrs. Robert Taylor), Matthew H., Bessie (Mrs. Charles Hertzog), S. Matilda, Carrie (Mrs. D. W. Kehler), James, Alfred, Claude, Howard and Irvin.

RICHARD H. EDWARDS, of Trevorton, has lived practically retired since 1903, though he finds his time occupied to a great extent with the management of his real estate holdings. He is an old miner and former hotel-keeper, having for five years conducted the "Central Hotel," which he still owns. Mr. Edwards was born Sept. 29, 1848, in Cornwall, England, son of Henry Edwards, who followed farming and worked in the copper mines in England. He came to America after his son had settled here, arriving in this country May 26, 1881, and from that time until his death made his home at Trevorton, Northumberland Co., Pa. He followed farming and hauling after settling here. His death occurred May 6, 1893, and his wife, Catherine (Pengally), died in Trevorton March 27, 1890, aged sixty-seven years. They are buried in the Methodist cemetery at Irish Valley. Of their children, Richard H. is mentioned below; John, Margaret and William died in England; Jessie and Annie M. came to America with their parents.

When twenty-two years old Richard H. Edwards came to America, and for a short time was employed in the iron works at Mount Hope, Morris Co., N. J. Coming to Pennsylvania, he located at Ralston, Lycoming county, for a short time before settling at Trevorton, where he found employment at mining, in the North Franklin colliery. He was engaged at such work for about twenty-eight years in all. Meantime he acquired the "Central Hotel" property, and himself conducted the hotel for five years, before he gave up mining. In 1898 he made vast improvements in this property, of which he still retains possession, the hotel business being now conducted by William H. Francis. It is a stand well known to the traveling public and a good business has been done there for many years. Mr. Edwards retired from active work in 1903, since when he has given his attention to the care of his real es-

tate interests, which are quite extensive. By good management and thrift he has gained a position among the substantial men of his community, and has received recognition as one of its trusted citizens, having been chosen to serve as township treasurer. He is a Republican in politics, a Methodist in religious connection and fraternally a member of Lodge No. 528, I. O. O. F., of Trevorton. In 1907 Mr. Edwards made a trip to his native country, having a pleasant visit to his old home and friends.

By his first marriage, to Christian Rahmer, Mr. Edwards had no children. His second marriage was to Alma Rahmer, and they became the parents of six children: Katie, who married Henry Pengally; George, of Trevorton; Grace, who married William Shuck; Blanche, who married Lewis Sheaffer; Emiah, who married D. Fuller; and John. His third marriage was to Mrs. Emma (Ossman) Umholtz. There are no children of this union, but by her first marriage Mrs. Edwards had a daughter, Eva, who is now the wife of Charles Cook and lives at Elizabethtville, Dauphin Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards make their home on Shamokin street, in Trevorton.

JOHN T. BROWER, late of the borough of Herndon, was one of the substantial and influential residents of that place, with whose progress he had been identified for a number of years, as a business man being one of the leading factors in its material development. He retired from active business in 1905.

Mr. Brower was born May 18, 1845, in Jackson township, Northumberland county, son of Nathan and Caroline (Troutman) Brower. Nathan Brower was born in Chester county, Pa., June 20, 1817, and when fourteen years old moved to Uniontown, Dauphin county, where he made his home with Isaac Matthias until he reached the age of twenty years. He learned the milling trade, and after following it several years at Uniontown went to Dornsife, Northumberland county, where he was engaged in the same line for a period of eleven years, doing a prosperous business. Later he became a farmer, acquiring a 115-acre tract in Jackson township, which he continued to cultivate until a few years before his death. He died June 4, 1895, and is buried at Uniontown. Mr. Brower was prominent in his section in both business circles and church life, being active in the work of the United Evangelical Association, which he supported with a liberal hand. He married Caroline Troutman, who was born Sept. 28, 1821, daughter of Jacob Troutman, and died Feb. 24, 1901. They were the parents of five children, namely: Mary married Benjamin Clement (who is now deceased) and they lived in Jackson township; John T. is mentioned below; Sarah married Samuel Rumberger and they

live at Elizabethtown; Elizabeth married Henry Lautenslayer; Daniel is mentioned below.

John T. Brower was reared in Jackson township, being trained to farm work from early boyhood. On March 29, 1865, he enlisted, at Harrisburg, Pa., in Company C, 74th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years' service, but the war closing he was mustered out Aug. 29, 1865. Upon his return to civil life Mr. Brower engaged in merchandising at Bull Run, in Jackson township, where he continued for one year, coming thence to Herndon, where he was in active business for thirty years, having a successful career until his retirement, in 1905, when his son John succeeded to the business, which he still conducts. Mr. Brower carried a comprehensive line of general merchandise, and his patronage was large, being drawn from the surrounding territory for miles around. He took a public-spirited interest in the welfare of the place, and helped to establish several industries at Herndon, built a number of dwellings and business houses in the town, and in various ways contributed to its upbuilding in the best sense. He was instrumental in the organization of the borough, which he advocated warmly as important to the best interests of the town. He was a Republican on political questions.

Mr. Brower's first wife, Sarah (Latsha), died in 1886, the mother of two children: Mary, who married Lincoln Otto, postmaster at Herndon; and John, who has succeeded his father in the mercantile business at Herndon. On April 9, 1889, Mr. Brower married (second) Emma (Hensyl) Hoke, daughter of Jesse and Magdalena (First) Hensyl and widow of George Hoke. By her first marriage she had one son, George E., who is located at St. Paul, Minn., attorney for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

Mr. Brower died May 21, 1910.

DANIEL BROWER, brother of John T. Brower, was born Aug. 25, 1856, and during his boyhood attended the schools of the home locality. Meantime he began his practical training for farm work, continuing with his father until twelve years after his marriage; and in 1888 he began farming his present property, a tract of 107 acres in Jackson township, two miles east of Herndon. This was an old Peifer homestead. Mr. Brower remodeled the house and the barn, and has made other improvements to bring his place up to modern requirements, keeping the farm in creditable condition. He makes a specialty of dairying, running a daily milk route to Herndon. Since 1908 he has been a school director of his district.

On Dec. 31, 1876, Mr. Brower married Amanda Swab, daughter of Eli and Nellie (Cooper) Swab, of Washington township, Dauphin Co., Pa., and granddaughter of Jacob Swab and of Jacob Cooper, of Washington township, that county. Mr.

and Mrs. Brower have had children as follows: A. Alice, who is unmarried; Sallie, wife of Daniel Willard, of Jackson township, who has children Olive and Earnest F.; Nellie; Mabel, who married Charles Kobel and has a son, Daniel E.; and Katie. Mr. Brower and his family attend the Lutheran Church. He is a Republican in politics.

WILLIAM P. O'CONNOR, former member of the Pennsylvania Legislature from Northumberland county, is a resident of Shamokin, where he is proprietor of the "Shamokin House," located at No. 613 North Shamokin street. He is a prominent member of the Democratic party, having served as committeeman from his district a number of years. Mr. O'Connor is a native of the borough of Shamokin, born May 4, 1870, son of Michael O'Connor.

Michael O'Connor was born in Ireland and brought his family from that country to America in 1868, landing at New York City. After a brief residence in New Jersey, engaged at his trade, that of potter, he came to Shamokin (in 1868) and here found work at mining, following that occupation the rest of his active years. He lived retired for a number of years before his death, which occurred Jan. 16, 1894. He married Catherine Costello, a native of Ireland, whose people settled at Fall River, Mass., and she died Oct. 17, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor are buried at Shamokin. Nine children were born to them: Michael, who lives in Shamokin; Charles, of Trevorton, Pa.; Thomas, of Shamokin; Patrick, of Shamokin; James, of Shamokin; Margaret, wife of Thomas Lamey, of Shamokin; William Francis, who died young; William P.; and F. Henry, who died July 20, 1872, and who was the second person and first male child buried in the Catholic cemetery at Shamokin.

William P. O'Connor received his education in the public schools of Shamokin. In 1897 he was appointed a letter carrier in Shamokin and was thus engaged for about ten years, until he took his seat in the Legislature, to which he was elected Nov. 10, 1906. His services began Jan. 1, 1907, and during his term he performed one service for the community which has given him a permanent place in the esteem of his fellow citizens: It was through his efforts that the State hospital for injured persons at Shamokin, which cares for the injured from the Shamokin, Mount Carmel and Trevorton coal fields, was established, and he was highly complimented for his labors in behalf of this institution, which has proved such a blessing to the locality. Mr. O'Connor is at present a candidate for reelection to the Legislature. On Aug. 1, 1907, he became proprietor of the hotel known as the "Shamokin House," at No. 613 North Shamokin street, and he is making a success of the business, his genial personality and

good management gaining and retaining a lucrative patronage. Fraternally he is well known as a member of the Owls, the A. O. H. and the F. O. E., and he was a charter member of the West End Fire Company and is a member of the Veteran Firemen's Association, in the work of which he takes an active part. He belongs to St. Edward's Catholic Church.

In 1894 Mr. O'Connor married Ella Cotter, daughter of Cornelius and Catherine Cotter, and they have a family of four children: Chester, William, Cornelius and Sarah.

Mr. O'Connor is a "double" of Frank McClain, present mayor of Lancaster, Pa., who was formerly speaker of the State House of Representatives.

FREDERICK HAAS, whose connection with the business and public life of Sunbury has been important and long continued, is the owner of a thriving industrial establishment at that place and one of its most prosperous business men. He was for two terms—1895-1900—register and recorder and clerk of the Orphans' court, to which responsibility he was elected although a Republican in what was then a Democratic stronghold. Mr. Haas has been identified with many local organizations, business, social, political, etc., and is a citizen of the most reliable character, one whose work for the community is the best guaranty of what he may be counted upon to perform.

Mr. Haas was born May 3, 1858, in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., but his family has been identified with Northumberland county for several generations. The first of the family in America, Frederick Haas, came to this country from Germany in 1757, and located for a time in Berks county, Pa., later settling in Northumberland county, at Sunbury, where he remained until his death. His son Frederick, who conducted a general store and had various other business interests in Sunbury, married a Miss Martz, and they had two sons, Frederick and John, the former being the grandfather of the present Frederick Haas of Sunbury.

Frederick Haas, grandson of the emigrant and grandfather of Frederick Haas, was born in Sunbury in 1800. He carried on a tanyard, was engaged in merchandising, and ran a line of boats, being one of the busiest men of his day, energetic and thrifty in everything he undertook. Going to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, he engaged in the coal business as an operator, and after four years at that place moved to Schuylkill Haven, same county, where he carried on the hotel business, in which he was also interested at Pottsville. In 1850 he located in Shamokin and for seven years was in the hotel business there. He died in 1859, and is buried in the Shamokin cemetery. Mr. Haas was an old-line Whig and prominent in local politics in his day. He was treasurer of

Northumberland county from 1824 to 1827. He married Elizabeth Schwartz, daughter of Philip Michael and Margaret (Slosser) Schwartz, the former of whom came to America from Wurtemberg in Colonial days and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war; he was at Valley Forge, was taken prisoner while in the service and was eventually exchanged. In 1798 Mr. Schwartz came to Sunbury and took up 600 acres of land at Beaver Meadows, where he remained the rest of his active life. He was the father of Hon. John Schwartz, who represented the Seventh Congressional district of Pennsylvania in Congress. He died at Sunbury and is buried in the old cemetery there. Mr. and Mrs. Haas had a family of ten children: Dr. William died at Mount Carmel; Elizabeth died young; Margaret married Edw. C. Hannah; Frederick died in Shamokin; Jacob W. is mentioned below; Catharine died unmarried; Francis died young; James H. was a member of Company K, 46th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and was killed at the battle of Cedar Mountain; Charles was a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad and was killed; John P. M., who served in the Civil war, died in Washington, D. C.

Jacob W. Haas, father of Frederick Haas, was born June 25, 1833, at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and there passed his early life. He was engaged as a clerk and bookkeeper until his enlistment for service in the Civil war, Sept. 1, 1861, at Pottsville, where he became a member of Company G, 96th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which command he served throughout the war. He attained the rank of captain. He took part in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac from 1861 to 1863. After the war Mr. Haas spent two years in the oil fields of western Pennsylvania. In 1867 he went to Shamokin, and was connected with various collieries in that vicinity for thirty-five years, being clerk and foreman. In 1880 he made a tour of the Southern States prospecting for the Roanoke Iron Company. During his son's terms as recorder he served as deputy recorder. In 1901 Mr. Haas gave up active work and has since lived retired at Shamokin. He is a Republican in politics, but has taken little interest in active public life. He married Eliza E. Jones, daughter of John J. and Mary (Jenkins) Jones, and they have had four children: Mary, who married E. L. Burkert, of Philadelphia; Frederick; John, of Brooklyn; and James Franklin, of Shamokin, who is the Associated Press correspondent at that point.

Frederick Haas was nine years old when his parents settled in Shamokin. He had commenced his education in the public schools of his native place, and he took the course in the high school at Shamokin, after which, in 1878, he entered the United States Military Academy at West

Point, N. Y., intending to qualify for the army. However, after taking part of the course he was obliged to resign on account of ill health, and he returned home. For fourteen years Mr. Haas was engaged as clerk at the Luke Fidler colliery, at Shamokin, and in the recorder's office at Sunbury, so that when he was himself elected recorder he was well prepared to enter upon the duties of the position. In 1894 he was the Republican candidate for the office of register, recorder and clerk of the Orphans' court, and though the county was strongly Democratic at the time he was successful, assuming the office Jan. 1, 1895. In 1897 he was re-elected, and completed his second term, serving to the close of 1900. He has long been an influential member of his party, and in 1900, during the McKinley campaign, he was county chairman. He has proved an efficient worker in every capacity.

Upon the expiration of his second term as recorder Mr. Haas engaged in business, purchasing the Sunbury Coffin & Casket Company, which was organized in 1874 with members of the Clement family as principal owners. Under Mr. Haas's management the business has shown a gratifying increase. The greater part of the trade is found within a hundred miles' of Sunbury, but it is growing constantly, and Mr. Haas has made a number of improvements in the equipment of the establishment and the handling of the business which promise to bring about good results.

Mr. Haas is a member of Mount Tabor Lodge, No. 125, I. O. O. F., and of Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M. He was a charter member of the Rescue Hose Company of Shamokin. In 1877 he became a member of Company B, 7th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, in 1880 became lieutenant, and four years later resigned.

In 1892 Mr. Haas married Nellie Murray, of Shamokin, and they have had two children: Frank M. and Frederick, Jr.

FRANK W. SHIPE, secretary of the Herndon Manufacturing Company, of Herndon, Northumberland county, is one of the foremost citizens of his section, and has been prominent in official as well as business circles, serving the community efficiently in various positions of trust and proving his ability in his various undertakings. He is a native of Jackson township, born July 25, 1851, son of Abraham and Lydia (Rebuck) Shipe, and comes of a family which has been settled in this county for several generations, since the time of his grandfather, Jacob Shipe. This name is variously spelled, Shive, Scheib and Sheib being common forms.

Jacob Shipe was born Jan. 24, 1772, in Doylestown, Bucks Co., Pa., and coming to Northumberland county settled shortly after his marriage on a farm near Seven Points, in what was then Lower

Augusta township. He purchased 240 acres, and there passed the remainder of his life, dying there Jan. 27, 1845. He followed farming and was successful. His wife Barbara (Fluck), born March 27, 1777, died Oct. 29, 1857, and they are buried at the Stone church, Augustaville, both having been active members of the Reformed congregation of that Church. Their children were as follows: (1) John F. (Shive), who obtained the homestead after his father's death, died Jan. 30, 1890, aged eighty-eight years, one month, seventeen days. His wife, Rachel Gehringer, died March 8, 1885, aged seventy-nine years, eleven months, twenty-one days. They had a large family, among their sons being Levi, Henry George and William. (2) Henry is mentioned below. (3) David was a farmer in Upper Augusta township, and died Oct. 30, 1881, aged seventy years, twenty-five days. His wife Margaret, who died June 28, 1890, aged seventy-seven years, four months, sixteen days, was the mother of Enos, Hettie, Sarah, Mrs. Emanuel Kulp, Mrs. Sarah Barhart and Hannah. (4) George passed most of his life at Shamokin, and followed merchandising. His wife was a Hoover, and they had three sons and three daughters, William, George, Albert, Catharine, Barbara and Alice. (5) Samuel was a farmer in Lower Augusta township. His wife, Lovina Fryling, born Aug. 29, 1814, died March 15, 1877. They had children: John, Reuben (born March 25, 1848, died Jan. 1, 1872, being killed while "shooting off" an anvil loaded with powder), Isaac F., Henry, Washington, and Louisa C. (deceased). (6) Catharine married Daniel Long, and they had one son (Samuel) and six daughters. They were farming people in Lower Augusta township. (7) Abraham was the father of Frank W. Shipe.

Abraham Shipe, son of Jacob, was born Dec. 14, 1822, in Lower Augusta township, and there grew to manhood. He learned the carpenter's trade in his youth, and followed it all his life, both as a journeyman and as an employer, having work for a number of men and teaching the trade to many. He erected a number of substantial buildings in Sunbury. He lived at Lock Haven, Pa., for seven years, and thence in 1868 came to Sunbury, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying Aug. 14, 1874, in his fifty-second year. Mr. Shipe was an intelligent man, showing fine mechanical ability in his work and proving a valuable factor in the various circles in which he moved. He served six years as assessor of Jackson township, and was an officer of the Reformed Church in which he held membership.

In 1840 Mr. Shipe married (first) Esther Henninger, who died Nov. 2, 1846, aged twenty-three years, eleven months, eight days, the mother of three children: Peter, who died at Reading, Pa.; Susan, widow of Frank Stoute, who died at Minne-

apolis, Kans., where she still resides; and Barbara, who died in infancy. Mr. Shipe's second marriage was to Lydia Rebeck, who died Nov. 10, 1905, in her eighty-sixth year. She is buried at Mahanoy church, and Mr. Shipe is buried in Lower Augusta township. They had four children: Abbie Ann and Lucy Jane, twins, the former of whom is the widow of H. Z. Drumheller (Lucy Jane died at the age of twelve years); Frank W.; and Martin E., a carpenter, now residing at Montgomery, Alabama.

Frank W. Shipe received his education at the schools of Lock Haven, Pa. At the age of seventeen he commenced to learn the carpenter trade, which he followed for two years. In 1873 he entered the employ of Ira T. Clement, who operated a large planing-mill, remaining with him for nine years, after which he took charge of an organ factory at Sunbury. He was thus engaged three years, at the end of that time taking charge of William Whitmer & Sons' planing-mill, at Sunbury, where he was engaged for seven years. Seventy people were employed there. In 1891 Mr. Shipe came to Herndon, where he became associated with John D. Bogar and George W. Rhoads in the organization of the Herndon Manufacturing Company, of which he has been secretary and manager ever since. They manufacture fine mill work and interior finishings of all kinds, especially the high class work required in the completion of houses, and have been successful from the start. When they commenced business six men were sufficient to turn out the work in hand. Now employment is given to eighty men, and the trade extends all over the eastern part of the United States. The business has been built up by progressive methods and the ability to hold customers by giving the satisfaction and service they desire, by anticipating their wants and enterprise in introducing new and improved products, all of which appeal to up-to-date business people.

Mr. Shipe has been an excellent citizen, and in spite of his busy life has found time to serve the community. He was a member of the school board of Jackson township for six years, during which time he was secretary of the board four years and president one year. Since 1906 he has been a member of the Herndon council, and he was the second chief burgess of that town. Politically he is a Republican.

On July 3, 1873, Mr. Shipe married Margaret Martz, daughter of William K. and Susan (Bowen) Martz, of Sunbury, and to them were born two children: Laura married A. W. Smith, of Lewisburg, Pa., and has one daughter, Ethel Wynn; Elizabeth M. married Charles Eby, of Herndon, and has four children, Edgar, Gertrude, Esther and Margaret. Mrs. Shipe died Sept. 10, 1883, aged thirty-nine years. Mr. Shipe's second

marriage was to Lydia L. Drumheller, daughter of Nicholas S. and Abigail (Kembel) Drumheller, of Jackson township, prominent residents of that district, who were members of the Evangelical Association and are buried at Zartman's church. By this marriage there are also two children: Robert W., of Herndon, his father's assistant at the Herndon Manufacturing Company, married Nellie Trautman; Paul E. graduated from the Herndon high school in 1908, at the age of fourteen. Mr. Shipe and his family worship at the Reformed Church.

Henry Shipe, son of Jacob, above, was an extensive farmer in Lower Augusta township, where he was a large landowner, among other holdings, owning the farm now in the possession of John Drumm. He had a farm for each of his eight children. He died May 28, 1887, aged eighty-three years, three months, eight days, and is buried at Hollowing Run Lutheran and Reformed church. His wife, Hannah, was a Reeser. She died Aug. 24, 1880, aged seventy-six years, four months, five days. They had children: Catharine married Daniel Shipe; Mary married John Gehringer; Hannah married Frank Kelley; Hettie married Jacob Long; Solomon R., who lived at Sunbury, died Jan. 24, 1885, aged fifty-seven years, twenty-six days (his wife Mary died Jan. 27, 1901, aged sixty-six years, seven months, twenty-two days); David R., who lived at Shamokin Hill, died Dec. 3, 1887, aged fifty-eight years, three months, twenty-five days (his wife Maria died March 20, 1900, aged seventy-three years, three months, fourteen days and they are buried at Mount Pleasant M. E. church, in Upper Augusta township); Aaron lived at Shamokin Dam; there was another son.

Daniel Shipe (son of Samuel) and his wife Catharine (daughter of Henry) lived on the farm now the property of Landis Shipe, and were farming people. They are buried at the Lutheran and Reformed church in Hollowing Run. Mr. Shipe died Dec. 10, 1902, aged seventy-one years, two months, seven days, and his wife died Jan. 20, 1905, aged seventy-one years, seven months, thirteen days. They had these children: Samuel, Nelson, Sneary(?), William, Landis (died aged four years), Alice (married Oliver Shaffer) and Rose.

Landis Shaffer Shipe, son of Oliver and Alice (Shipe) Shaffer, has formally adopted the name Shipe. He was born July 9, 1878, was reared to farm life, and after his mother's death obtained the farm which belonged to her, a tract then consisting of 130 acres. Mr. Shipe has sold forty-seven acres, retaining the other eighty-three acres, where he carries on general farming. He attends the Sunbury markets, his farm being located four miles south of Sunbury, and does a thriving business, be-



ing an energetic young man and an excellent manager. Mr. Shipe married Maud Hetrick, daughter of John and Catharine (Thomas) Hetrick, of Lower Augusta township, and they have had four children, Daisy, George, Mary and Harry, all born in the month of July, two years apart. Mr. Shipe is a member of the Reformed Church, with which his family is identified.

Samuel Shipe was a resident of Lower Augusta township, living on the tract now belonging to the estate of Peter Lenker. He was a blacksmith by trade. His children were: Maria married David R. Shipe; Sallie married Daniel Martz; Elizabeth married Joseph Neidig and (second) Joseph Gass; Samuel lived and died in Washington township; a daughter died after she had grown up and left these parts; Daniel married Catharine Shipe, daughter of Henry.

ELIAS R. REITZ, of Mount Carmel, and formerly a well known resident of Washington township, this county, is a member of a family well represented in Northumberland, particularly in Washington, Little Mahanoy and Lower Augusta townships, in which section it was founded in the middle of the eighteenth century by one George Reitz, who settled in Washington township among the earliest pioneers of that region.

George Reitz settled in Washington township among its first residents and was a large landowner there, his original tract including the land now embraced in the farms of Luther Rebuck, William Rebuck, Harvey Rothermel, Charles B. Hetrich and A. C. Adams. He is buried in an unmarked grave near a fence, in the orchard on the farm now owned by C. B. Hetrich. Among his children were sons Andraes (Andrew) and Michael.

Michael Reitz, son of George, born in January, 1757, died Dec. 17, 1825. He lived near what is now Rebuck, in Washington (then Upper Mahanoy) township, and there his death occurred; he is buried at Himmel's church, in that township, having been a Lutheran member of that church. When the church was erected in 1818 there were a Michael and a Peter Reitz among the members of the building committee. A Michael Reitz is on the communion list of June 30, 1776, of that church. He married Elizabeth Schnope, who died Dec. 18, 1853, aged eighty-seven years, and they were the parents of the following children: Michael; Peter, who settled near Richfield, in Juniata county, Pa.; William, who settled in Jefferson county, Pa.; Daniel, who lived on the old homestead, as did Jonathan; Henry, who lived in Washington township; George, who settled in Jefferson county; John, who settled in Jefferson county; and two daughters. All lived to old age.

Daniel Reitz, son of Michael, Jr., was born Aug. 11, 1804, near Rebuck, and came into possession of the old homestead, which comprised about four

hundred acres. He followed farming there to the end of his active life, and died upon his farm Jan. 9, 1886. His wife, Susanna Burrell, born June 26, 1810, died Jan. 12, 1881. They had a large family, viz.: Maria married Elias Rebuck; Jonathan B. died in Missouri; Samuel B. is mentioned below; Katie married (first) Godfried Rebuck and (second) Andrew Rebuck (brothers); John B. is living in Nebraska; Salome married Milton Drumheller; Elizabeth married Jared Snyder; Michael B. lives in Washington township, this county; Leonard B. lives in Nebraska; Daniel B. lives in Mifflintown, Juniata county, and is at present (1910) sheriff of that county.

Samuel B. Reitz, son of Daniel, was born in 1832 on a part of the old Reitz homestead. In his early life he learned the tailor's trade and followed it for some time, but he eventually settled down to farming, owning part of the old homestead. He died June 29, 1906. He married Eliza Reitz, daughter of Philip and Annie Wagner, and to them were born nine children: Nathan died young; John R. is a resident of Nebraska; Elias R. is mentioned below; Henry M. is a resident of Sunbury, this county; Mary A. married William Rebuck; Andrew D. is living in Jefferson county, Pa.; Susan married George A. Foltz, of Sunbury; George W. is living at the homestead; Hannah A., who is unmarried, lives in Shamokin, this county.

Elias R. Reitz, son of Samuel, was born Jan. 19, 1858, at the old Reitz homestead. He received his education in the schools of the locality and taught school for five terms in Washington township. Until he was twenty he was engaged at farm work, to which he had been reared, and for eleven years was in the mercantile business at Rebuck, in Washington township, where he became very well known, serving eleven years as justice of the peace and three years as jury commissioner during his residence there. In 1905 he came to Mount Carmel, where he has since resided. He engaged in the wholesale produce business in partnership with John L. Reitz, under the firm name of E. R. & J. L. Reitz, and after withdrawing from this association engaged in mercantile business on his own account for a short time. His home is at No. 234 West Third street, and he has represented his ward, the Fourth, on the school board, although he is a Democrat and the ward is normally a strong Republican district. In public or private life his record is a creditable one, for he has won recognition as a useful citizen in every community with which he has been identified.

On Dec. 27, 1885, Mr. Reitz married Lydia E. (Gehres) Kehres, daughter of Nathan E. and Catherine (Hoffman) Gehres, or Kehres, and they have had three children, as follows: Bertha M. died when eighteen years old; Mabel G. is a graduate of the Keystone State normal school, at Kutztown; Charles H. is attending the Mount Carmel

high school, being a member of the class of 1911. Mr. Reitz is a Lutheran in religious connection, his wife a member of the Reformed Church. Socially he holds membership in the Elks, Odd Fellows and Red Men.

BENNEVILLE M. BUBB, of Dalmatia, is one of the oldest justices in Northumberland county, his services as such having extended over a period of more than forty years—from 1869 to the present. There are few men in his locality better known, and none commands more respect than this venerable citizen, who holds a most honored place in the esteem of all his fellow men. He was born Nov. 21, 1833, in Lower Mahanoy township, son of Philip Bubb, and comes of an old settled family of the region, where his grandfather, Johan Philip, lived and died.

Johan Philip Bubb, born Sept. 28, 1789, owned a tract of land in Lower Mahanoy township, and was a cooper by trade. He died Dec. 10, 1854, and was buried at Zion's church. His two wives, Magdalena and Hannah Kerstetter, respectively, were sisters, and his children, the two first named born to the first union, were as follows: Philip, Lydia (married Joseph Fenstermacher), Polly (married John Patrick), Sally (married Josiah Wert), Catharine (married Jacob Michael), Susan (married Augustus Badman, late of Montgomery county, Pa.) and Isaac (who was a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township). Philip Bubb had a brother Michael and sisters Elizabeth (Mrs. John Lenker), Mrs. Paul Lahr, Mrs. Michael Wert and Mrs. Witmer.

Philip Bubb, son of Philip, was born in Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and became a well known resident of Lower Mahanoy township, where he owned a tract of land. He followed shoe-making until his retirement, and died at a ripe old age. His wife, Magdalena (Michael), was born Jan. 2, 1810, daughter of Wilhelm Michael, and died Jan. 16, 1895. Philip Bubb and his wife are buried at Dalmatia. He was a Lutheran, she a member of the Reformed Church. They had ten children, five of whom died young, the others being: Benneville M.; Elizabeth, who married Peter Sechrist; Sarah, who married George Shull; Isaac, who died while serving in defense of his country in the Civil war, being killed at the siege of Atlanta while serving as a regular in the 15th United States Infantry; and Anna, who married Henry Spotts.

Benneville M. Bubb was reared at the paternal home in Lower Mahanoy township. He obtained his education in the subscription schools and at Freeburg Academy. When about fifteen years old he became clerk in a general store at Georgetown (which is now known as Dalmatia) conducted by one Andrew Ditty, who was succeeded in the business by the firm of Ditty & Lenker, of which he

was the senior partner. Later Mr. Lenker withdrew and was succeeded by John Bingeman, the firm then becoming known as Bingeman & Ditty. Mr. Bubb was with Mr. Ditty about two years, at the end of which time he became clerk in the general store of Peter Borel (name now spelled Burrell—it is of French extraction). Mr. Borel operated a general store and bought up grain, which was taken across the Susquehanna at Georgetown, by flats, to "McKees Half Falls," to the Pennsylvania canal, was loaded onto a Union canalboat, at Middletown, where the Union canal started, and went by way of Reading to Philadelphia, where the grain was sold. Mr. Bubb was with Mr. Borel for five years, until he and George W. Arbogast bought out the good will, stock and fixtures of Borel's store, the firm being Arbogast & Bubb. This association lasted three years, when Mr. Bubb bought out the interest of his partner and conducted it alone for two years. At the end of that time he admitted George Bordner to the firm, which became Bubb & Bordner for two years. When the Civil war began they sold out to Backhus & Ells, for whom Mr. Bubb continued clerking, also conducting the post office in the store. He was the postmaster during the two administrations of President Lincoln, from 1860 to 1866. He remained as clerk with P. S. Bickel, who succeeded to the general merchandise business of Backhus & Ells, and who was a justice of the peace many years. Mr. Bubb succeeding him in this office in 1869. He has continued to hold this office, by reelection, ever since, and in this connection has also been extensively engaged in surveying, conveyancing, etc., establishing his business as surveyor in 1880. He has written many wills, deeds, etc., and his reputation for reliable work is such that his services are in great demand. He is a true peacemaker, having by his friendly and wise advice settled many cases without recourse to the regular processes of law, thus saving those who consulted him, as well as the community, many thousands of dollars which might have been expended in useless litigation, to say nothing of maintaining goodwill between relatives and friends. He has clerked at many public sales. During 1908, 1909 and 1910 Mr. Bubb was badly hampered in his work by a cataract in the right eye; he has also an undeveloped cataract in the left eye. Having been a resident of Dalmatia from his youth he has seen the town improve greatly. It was laid out by one Gray, a deputy surveyor of Pennsylvania, in 1798, and the original name was Georgetown. In 1908 the name was changed to Dalmatia because of a Georgetown in Beaver county, Pa., causing errors in mail and freight shipments. Mr. Bubb owns a number of lots in the town, and has also a stone quarry of six acres.

Mr. Bubb is a Republican in politics, and he has served Lower Mahanoy township on the school board a number of years. He was one of the first

school directors elected in the township, in 1865, and helped to establish the free schools here, although he had opposed their introduction. At the time he was teaching subscription school, and he taught two terms of public school. He continued to serve as school director until 1888. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Dalmatia independent school district and the erection of the present four-room brick school building. All in all, he has been a highly useful citizen.

Mr. Bubb's first wife, Eliza (Roush), born Sept. 9, 1838, died April 8, 1861, leaving a son, William C. She is buried at Georgetown church. On Dec. 7, 1862, he was married (second) to Susan Sechrist, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Sechrist) Sechrist, and granddaughter of Christian Sechrist, whose wife's maiden name was Grace. To this marriage were born seven children: Pauline married Luther Albert; Lizzie A. died young; U. S. Grant lives at Milton, Pa.; Isaac N. died in infancy; Henry S. is a resident of Dalmatia; Lewis N., of Herndon, Pa.; Arthur S., of Philadelphia (he is a printer and works on the *Philadelphia Inquirer*). Mr. Bubb and his family are members of the Reformed Congregation of the Dalmatia Church, and he has served as deacon and elder for many years. He has an old German Bible brought to America by the Sechrists, who hailed from Switzerland, and in whose family it has been for several centuries. Though fully three hundred and fifty years old it is well preserved.

WILLIAM C. BUBB, son of Benneville M. Bubb, is postmaster at Dalmatia, where he was born Feb. 14, 1861. He was engaged at clerking in a store there for many years, first for P. S. Bickel & Son, later for Albert Schnee; and for two years he was engaged in the mercantile business at Dalmatia on his own account. On Aug. 29, 1897, he was appointed postmaster of Dalmatia, which is a fourth-class office. He married Sevilla Brosius, daughter of Napoleon Brosius, who lived at Mount Pleasant Mills, Pa., and they have one daughter, Mary Magdalene. Mr. Bubb and his family are members of the Reformed Church. He has a nice residence in Dalmatia. Politically he has been identified with the Republican party, was formerly committeeman from Lower Mahanoy township, and has been delegate to a number of county conventions.

FRED RICE, M. D., of Sunbury, has been engaged in the practice of his profession in that borough since 1901, the year after his graduation from medical college, and commands a large patronage, being considered one of the foremost physicians of his section. He devotes himself to general practice. Dr. Rice is a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., born in Butler township Aug. 17, 1875, son of Charles Rice and grandson of Frederick Rice.

Frederick Rice was born near Taylorsville,

Schuylkill Co., Pa., and died at Gordon, in Butler township. He was a farmer by occupation, and retired at a comparatively early age. His wife, Catharine (Carl), died in 1881, and they are buried at Kimmel's church, in Schuylkill county, both having been members of the Reformed congregation of that church. Mr. Rice was a Whig in politics. His children were: Edward, William, John, Charles, Alfred, Aaron, Louisa (married Charles E. Bergstresser, a passenger conductor on the Lykens Valley railroad), Arvella (married Elsworth Shoemaker, who is employed on the Lykens Valley railroad) and Mary (unmarried).

Charles Rice, son of Frederick, was born April 24, 1850, in Schuylkill county, and in his early life followed farming, later learning the machinist's trade in the car shops at Cressona; he is now one of the oldest workmen at Gordon. Since 1873 he has made his home in the borough of Gordon, in Schuylkill county, and he has served that community in the official capacity of school director. He is a Republican in political sentiment. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Rice married Isabella Seitzinger, and they are the parents of ten children: Dr. Fred, Margaret (who died of diphtheria, about 1883), Gertrude, Aaron L., Edith, Stella, Charles, Ruth, Cameron, and Beatrice (who died in infancy).

Mrs. Rice is a granddaughter of Jacob Seitzinger, a native of Berks county, Pa., born near Reading, who settled in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, where he was one of the leading men of his day. He built the "Exchange Hotel" at that point, the first hotel there, and prospered well in his business ventures, leaving a large estate. His wife, Elizabeth (Scott), was also from Berks county, and both are buried at Pottsville. Their children were as follows: Capt. Israel was the father of Mrs. Rice; Jeremiah owned and operated a coal breaker and owned and occupied a mansion back of the present courthouse in Pottsville; Isabella married George Palmer and they lived in Pottsville; Elizabeth married William Bigler (brother of former Governor Bigler, of Iowa); Nettie married Joseph Scuyler, who lived in Pottsville; Sarah married John Fernsler and they lived in Pottsville; Adelia married Charles Hipple, Esq., of Pottsville.

Capt. Israel Seitzinger was born Aug. 17, 1823, in Berks county, and came to Schuylkill county in young manhood, settling at Pottsville. He followed the livery business there for some years, and for many years was a railroad employee. Throughout the Civil war he served as captain of Company E, 116th Pennsylvania Volunteers. Captain Seitzinger was married at Pottsville to Margaret Heubner, of Schuylkill Haven, who survived him, dying Oct. 31, 1909, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He died in 1889, at the age of sixty-seven. They are buried at Fountain Springs,



Schuylkill county. Ten children were born to this couple, namely: John L., Mary Elizabeth, James, Jacob, Charles, Isabella (Mrs. Charles Rice), Sarah, Harry, Franklin and William.

Fred Rice spent his youth at Gordon, Schuylkill county, and was seventeen years old when he graduated from the high school of that borough. Meantime, between school terms and after school hours, he had begun to work as clerk in the general store of Rice & Brother, there. He was a substitute teacher in the Gordon schools until 1896, when he matriculated at the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1900. While taking his medical course he further improved his time by spending his summers at the Fountain Springs State Hospital, at Ashland, and one year he was at the Williamsport Hospital. After his graduation he was assistant to Dr. Daniel Rice, at Hastings, Cambria Co., Pa., for some months, on Oct. 21, 1901, establishing his office at Sunbury, where he has since practiced on his own account. He is located at No. 256 Arch street. Dr. Rice has met with gratifying success in his profession, and has a large and profitable general practice which is a tribute to his personal worth as well as to his medical skill. His efficient services and conscientious attention to patients have won the appreciation of all who know him. He has taken no part in public affairs, his time being well occupied with his work.

On June 30, 1903, Dr. Rice married Emma B. Van Allman, daughter of William and Sue (Wall) Van Allman, of Blair county, Pa., both being from Frankstown, and two children have been born to this union, Carl F. and Paul V. The Doctor and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

HOLLENBACK. The Hollenback family is represented in various parts of Northumberland county, its members being specially well known in professional circles. Dr. D. S. Hollenback, a prominent physician and surgeon of Shamokin, is one of the best known medical practitioners in that section, and one of the oldest still actively engaged in that calling there. His brother Dr. Reuben H. Hollenback, and two of the latter's sons, are practicing dentistry; his brother Samuel Hollenback, a retired railroad man, is a respected resident of Fisher's Ferry, this county.

John George Hollenback, the first ancestor of the family in America, came from Germany with his two sons, Michael and George, arriving at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 24, 1754, on the ship "Nephtune."

Michael Hollenback, son of John George and grandfather of Dr. D. S. and Samuel Hollenback, was the founder of the family in Northumberland county. He was born in Germany, in Briesen, and was but five years of age when brought to this country. He lived in Upper Augusta township,

where he followed agricultural pursuits, owning the farm which is now the property of one John Snyder. His wife was Elizabeth Lantz, and he is buried at Lantz's Church in Upper Augusta township. Their children were as follows: Daniel; Charles, who lived in Upper Augusta township, and had a son Noah and daughter Mary (this family has died out); Henry, a shoemaker, who died at Selinsgrove (his wife was of foreign birth, and they had two children, the mother and one daughter dying; the other daughter, Elizabeth, married and moved to Nebraska); Samuel, a farmer, who died at Shamokin (he had sons Oscar and Theodore); Eliza, wife of Samuel Zimmerman; Hannah, wife of Charles Conrad; Catharine, wife of George Kramer; and Mrs. Haupt.

Daniel Hollenback, son of Michael, was born Aug. 3, 1803, and died in 1882, aged eighty years. He married Elizabeth Sherri, and of their children we have record of D. S., the eldest son; Samuel; and Reuben, born Sept. 1, 1841, mentioned elsewhere in this work.

D. S. HOLLENBACK, M. D., was born May 26, 1836, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county. He received his early education there, in the local public schools, later attended the academy at Freeburg, and began his medical studies with Dr. Eyster, who afterward practiced at Sunbury. He was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in April, 1864, and soon after entered upon the practice of medicine and surgery in Shamokin, where he has since resided. His standing as one of the leading practitioners of Northumberland county has been gained by conscientious devotion to the duties of his profession, of which he is a foremost member in his locality.

On Oct. 2, 1878, Dr. Hollenback married Clara Sober, daughter of Isaac Sober, of Shamokin township, and they have had one child, William W. Politically Dr. Hollenback is a Republican. He served as director of the poor in 1876, and was elected treasurer of Northumberland county in 1893, with a majority of 2,300 votes, serving until 1896. He is a prominent member of St. John's Reformed Church at Shamokin.

SAMUEL HOLLENBACK, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Sherri) Hollenback, was born in Upper Augusta township, April 5, 1839. He was reared in Lower Augusta, being trained to farm work, which he followed from early boyhood until he took a position, at the age of twenty-six, as laborer on the Northern Central railroad. He was then engineer for three years, from 1865 until 1868, and meantime, in 1867, had become track foreman. He remained in the employ of the same company continuously for a period of forty-three and a half years, until November, 1908, when he was honorably retired with a pension and pass. He has always been thrifty, and is now in comfortable cir-



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circumstances, owning his own home at Fisher's Ferry and a small farm in Lower Augusta township, which latter property he rents out. He and his family are Reformed members of the Elias Union Church in Lower Augusta township. Politically he is a Republican.

On May 16, 1867, Mr. Hollenback married Harriet Reitz, daughter of Abraham and Susan (Treon) Reitz, of Swabian Creek, this county, and granddaughter of Michael Reitz, who lived to the age of ninety-five years. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hollenback, two of whom died in infancy. The others are: S. Elizabeth married A. W. Baer and they live in Sunbury; Sallie married Fred Seaman, who was from Snyder county, Pa., and they live at Sunbury; John H. lives in Lower Augusta township; George E. is a resident of Sunbury; Katie married Francis Gamberling, and they live at Selinsgrove, Pa.; Lottie is the wife of William Engely, of Sunbury.

BARTHOLOMEW. The Bartholomew family has been settled in what is now Rockefeller township, this county, since the early days, the brothers James W. and John L. Bartholomew being members of the fourth generation of Bartholomews resident in Northumberland county. James W., senior member of the firm of Bartholomew & Jarrett, coal dealers of Sunbury, is also engaged in the marble and granite business at that point. John L. Bartholomew is in the stone cutting business and operates a quarry.

William Bartholomew, great-grandfather of James W. Bartholomew, was born in Chester county, Pa., and married Elizabeth Miller, who was from the same section. Some of their children were born before their removal to Northumberland county. They settled in what is now Rockefeller township, Mr. Bartholomew owning a farm in the Plum Creek district (the place later owned by Solomon S. Snyder), and he also followed his trade of wheelwright. He and his wife are buried at Augustaville. They had the following children: William; Jacob; John M.; Mary, who married Daniel Bloom; Elizabeth, who married William Bloom, brother of Daniel; Hannah, who married John Kreeger; Catharine, who married Jonathan Fasold; and Sarah, who married Dr. John Raker.

William Bartholomew, son of William and Elizabeth (Miller) Bartholomew, was born in 1797 in Berks county, Pa., came to Northumberland county with his parents, and followed farming throughout his active years. He lived in Rockefeller township, after his marriage settling near Emanuel church, in the Plum Creek section, where he died in 1860. He and his wife were Lutherans in religion, and he is buried at Lantz's church there. His wife, who survived him many years, was Susan Elizabeth Wolf, and they were the parents of thir-

teen children: Mary (Polly), Mrs. William Taylor, of Shamokin township, this county; Julian, Mrs. John Strasse; Anna Eliza, who married William Conrath and (second) Michael Smith, of Shamokin township; Amanda, Mrs. Nathan Eister; Hester, Mrs. Ambrose Taylor, of Shamokin township; Elizabeth, who died young; Henry, born Nov. 3, 1821, who married Mary M. Shipe; William; Charles; Joel, of Shamokin township; Valentine; Harvey H., who lived at Kendall Creek, McKean Co., Pa.; and Rev. Edward F., of Illinois.

Jacob Bartholomew, son of William and Elizabeth (Miller) Bartholomew, was the first of their family born in Northumberland county. He was a wheelwright and farmer, settling on his farm in the Plum Creek district in 1831, from which time until his death he farmed and worked at his trade. He was born Sept. 19, 1803, and died Feb. 11, 1877, and is buried at the Plum Creek church—the Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church. He married Catharine Bloom, of the same township, born May 7, 1807, died April 7, 1870, and they were the parents of twelve children, viz.: Mary, born Nov. 7, 1826, who married Samuel Zimmerman; Peter, born Oct. 20, 1828, who died March 29, 1902 (he lived in Rockefeller township); Maggie, Mrs. Henry Zimmerman; Jacob B.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Daniel Fasold; John, who died at Sunbury; Lot, who lives in Upper Augusta township; Sarah, who died young; Hulda, who has never married; William; Daniel; and one who died young. Four of this family survive, Mrs. Mary Zimmerman, Mrs. Elizabeth Fasold, Lot and Hulda. Miss Hulda Bartholomew attended to the wants of her parents faithfully in their declining years, nursing them both in their last illness, and she also nursed her sister Maggie, who was paralyzed.

John M. Bartholomew, son of William and Elizabeth (Miller) Bartholomew, lived in the Plum Creek section of Rockefeller township, in his early life working on the farm and teaching school. He then moved to Sunbury, where for some years he conducted a livery, later working in the railroad shops, where he met with an accident, losing part of his hand. He married Eve Bennett, and they had four children: Emma is a school teacher in North Carolina; Harry, unmarried, lives in Sunbury; Rebecca married Harry Heil; Cora taught school in Sunbury for a number of years.

Jacob B. Bartholomew, son of Jacob and grandson of William, was born in 1833 in Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and lived in Rockefeller township until a few years after the Civil war. He was drafted for service in that conflict three times. Removing to Sunbury, he there passed the remainder of his life, dying on the evening of April 16, 1902, when sixty-nine years old. He is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. Mr. Bartholomew learned the trade of stonemason, and also followed

stone cutting, and after his removal to Sunbury established himself in business there, laying pavements, etc. He gave employment to a number of men, and there are quite a few who learned the trade from him. A man who took an interest in affairs generally, he served as school director and tax collector in Rockefeller township, and while living there was an active member of the Lutheran Church at Plum Creek (where he was confirmed) which he served as deacon, later holding the same office in the church at Sunbury. Politically he was a Democrat.

On Jan. 17, 1856, Mr. Bartholomew married Charlotte H. Lyon, daughter of George and Mary (Leonard) Lyon, of Sunbury, the latter formerly of Lancaster, Pa. Four children were born to this union: James W. is mentioned below; Mary C. married Albert J. Spinner and they live at St. Louis, Mo.; Hattie married Ira D. Hanna and they live at Philadelphia; John L. is a resident of Sunbury.

Lot Bartholomew, son of Jacob and Catharine (Bloom) Bartholomew, was born on the homestead in Rockefeller township Sept. 17, 1844. He was educated in the local schools and learned the trade of stonemason, serving his full apprenticeship when twenty-one years of age. He followed his trade until 1895, for two years in partnership with Solomon Klase, and worked all through the coal regions at Williamsport and eastern Pennsylvania employing from three to twelve men. He bought his farm Nov. 29, 1899. It contains 100 acres and at one time was the Yost farm, later the Jonas Fry homestead. Before moving to his farm he resided in East Sunbury and was one of the first councilmen of the Eighth ward. He is a Democrat in politics and overseer of the poor, also fills the office of tax collector.

Lot Bartholomew was married in 1867 to Beulah Fahrensworth, daughter of Robert Fahrensworth of Shamokin township. Their children were: Elsie married Edward M. Noble and they live in Upper Augusta township; Minnie E. died young; Sarah C. died in infancy; and Rose M. married J. P. Van Dyke, a druggist of Sunbury. Mrs. Bartholomew died Jan. 13, 1887, aged forty-one years, and she is buried in the old Sunbury cemetery.

JAMES W. BARTHOLOMEW was born Jan. 11, 1857, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and there began his education in the local public schools. He was ten years old when his parents moved to Sunbury, settling in the East End, and he attended for several years the private school of Professor Brown, who then had four assistants. In April, 1873, he commenced to learn the trade of marble cutting, which he followed for a time as journeyman, and assisting his father, who was then doing an extensive building stone business. In 1881 he engaged in the marble and

tombstone business on his own account, continuing same until 1892, when he gave it up because he found the marble dust injurious to his health. Meantime, from 1883 to 1888, he also ran a successful livery stable in Sunbury, and in 1889 he opened a first-class restaurant at No. 34 South Third street, having a hotel license. He carried this on for thirteen years, during which period, in 1900, he resumed his old line of business, establishing the marble and granite yard which he still conducts. In 1907, in partnership with his nephew, Charles F. Jarrett, he founded the firm of Bartholomew & Jarrett, dealers in anthracite coal, who are located at Third and Court streets. They are among the leading coal dealers in the city, and own the only coal elevator in Sunbury, having facilities for raising and depositing in bins forty tons of coal an hour. Their equipment is up-to-date and complete in every respect, their methods of doing business equally enterprising, and their standards gain and hold trade. Mr. Bartholomew has made a high reputation by a career of consistent integrity and fair dealing, and he occupies an enviable position among his business associates. He has not been particularly active in public affairs, though he served as a member of the borough council during the eighties. He is a Democrat in politics, a prominent member of No. 1 Fire Company and of the Americus Club, of which latter he is an official: he was a member of the governing board of the club for 1892, and is the only member of that organization who has twice been honored with election to the presidency.

In 1883 Mr. Bartholomew married Margaret L. Garinger, daughter of Charles and Deborah (Haas) Garinger. They have no children of their own, but have reared two nephews, Charles F. and Clarence W. Jarrett, sons of W. W. and Mary (Garinger) Jarrett of Sunbury, both Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett being deceased.

JOHN L. BARTHOLOMEW, son of Jacob B., was born May 8, 1867. He came to Sunbury when a babe and has lived here all his life. He obtained his education in the Sunbury public schools and at the age of fifteen learned his trade of stonemason from his father with whom he worked until the latter's retirement from business, and then worked with others in Sunbury. At the death of his father he became the owner of a flagstone quarry and other interests and now quarries flagstone from the quarry located in Upper Augusta township, employing eight men. This quarry is located on the S. H. & W. railroad, a branch of the Pennsylvania line. Mr. Bartholomew owns his home where he resides, No. 289 North Eighth street, Sunbury, and also has other real estate. In politics he is a Socialist. He and his family are Lutherans. He is a member of the Friendship Hose Company, of Sunbury, of which he was the organizer on Feb. 11, 1895, and he became

its first president, later foreman of the company and afterward secretary for two terms. The company has a membership of two hundred and is located at the corner of Tenth and Court streets, where it has fine quarters.

On Jan. 17, 1901, Mr. Bartholomew married Alice Marks, daughter of Cyrus Marks, of Center township, Snyder Co., Pa. They have three children, Mary Irene, Charlotte Florence and Margaret Rose.

JOHN DANIEL, a farmer of Jackson township, Northumberland county, belongs to a family which was established in this county by his great-grandfather, Heinrich Daniel. The Daniel family first settled in Berks county, Pa., upon coming to America, the emigrant ancestor settling there, in Bethel township, prior to 1754. He was a farmer and landowner. In 1790 Jacob Daniel (a brother of Heinrich, who came to Northumberland county) was living with his wife and seven daughters; in Heidelberg township, Berks county, to the east of Bethel, lived Godfrey Daniel, another brother. To this day there are representatives of the family in the locality where they first settled after their arrival in this country.

Heinrich Daniel, great-grandfather of John Daniel, was born July 6, 1755, in Bethel township, Berks Co., Pa., and coming to Washington (then Jackson) township, Northumberland county, located on a tract of 110 acres upon which he erected the original set of buildings. A log house he built in the year 1800 is still standing. On this place Heinrich Daniel lived from 1774 until his death, which occurred Nov. 7, 1841. His wife, Maria Magd., died in 1823, aged sixty-five years. Their home stood near the mountain. They had a number of children, among whom were Heinrich and John Adam, the latter succeeding to the ownership of the farm.

John Adam Daniel, son of Heinrich, was born June 8, 1795, was a lifelong farmer, and succeeded to the home place, retaining the ownership until a few years before his death, when, becoming lame, he sold it to his son Jared. After the latter's death it was purchased by his brother John, whose son Adam Daniel owned it subsequently, until 1907, in which year H. J. Donmoyer purchased it. John Adam Daniel died June 1, 1878, and he is buried at St. Peter's church, Mahanoy, where all the Daniels since the time of Heinrich, the pioneer, have been interred. He was a Reformed member of that church, and being a good singer was chorister there for some years. He was married three times, his first wife being Rosanna Wagner, his second Polly Rubendall and his third Esther Freymoyer, who was born Feb. 22, 1804, and died March 30, 1881. All his children were by the first union, namely: John is mentioned below; Elias died at Hepler,

Pa.; Joel lived and died near Hepler; Adam and Jared died on the homestead; Polly married Abraham Blasser; Catharine married Benjamin Rubendall; Lydia married Levi Drumbheller.

John Daniel, son of John Adam, owned the old homestead on which he was born April 10, 1815. He died there Sept. 3, 1897, after a lifetime spent principally in farming, though he had learned the trade of shoemaker and followed it in his earlier manhood. In politics he was a Democrat, and he was a public-spirited citizen, taking a hand in public affairs and filling a number of local offices; he was supervisor of Washington and Jordan townships for a number of years. He also held various church offices, serving many years as elder. Mr. Daniel married Catharine Swartz, who was born Oct. 10, 1817, and died Nov. 13, 1897, and they are buried at St. Peter's church, at Mahanoy, in Jackson township. They had the following children: Elias, who died when twelve years old; Sarah, Mrs. Elias Crissinger; Emma, Mrs. Henry Crissinger; Adam, who owned the homestead until 1907 and now lives near Herndon, Pa.; John; and Catharine, who married Nathan Latsha.

John Daniel was born April 10, 1850, in Jordan township, son of John and Catharine (Swartz) Daniel, and obtained his education in the subscription schools of the home district, which afforded rather limited opportunities, however. He was reared as a farmer and continued to work for his father until his forty-eighth year. After his father's death he began farming for himself in 1898, in Jordan township, where he was located for five years, in 1903 coming to the place in Jackson township which he purchased that year and which has since been his home. He has a farm of eighty-eight acres, originally an old Latsha homestead and later known as the Henry Roger farm. Mr. Daniel is a substantial and respected citizen, and his affairs are in prosperous condition.

In November, 1885, Mr. Daniel married Louisa Kobel, who was born Jan. 16, 1858, in Cameron township, this county, daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Kerstetter) Kobel, and died April 17, 1909. She was the mother of one child, Charles Wilson, who was born Feb. 17, 1887, and is still at home with his father. Mr. Daniel is a Democrat in politics and of the Reformed faith in religion, he and his family worshipping at St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy.

CAMPBELL. There is a numerous Campbell family in Northumberland county descended from Obadiah Campbell, a native of New Jersey who removed to this section in 1779 and located in Ralpho township. He purchased a tract of 400 acres of what became valuable land (the south part of the village of Elysburg being built on

part of the tract) and built his own log cabin upon what later became the site of the residence of Davis Huff. This place continued to be the homestead of the Campbells for several generations. Obadiah Campbell was a tailor by trade, but never followed that vocation after settling in this county. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith and one of the organizers of the church of that denomination in his settlement, helping to build the old church between Snyderstown and Elysburg; he served as elder in same many years. Politically he was a strong Democrat, the leader of the party in his locality. His children were: Benjamin, John, James, Robert, Obadiah, Albert, Jane (who married Caleb Ely), Joanna (wife of George Ely) and Elizabeth. All were good singers and sang at the memorial service held at Sunbury at the time of Washington's death.

Robert Campbell, evidently son of Obadiah, above, born in New Jersey, was the first of the family to come to this county. He settled in Rush township and became one of the prominent citizens of that locality. His children were: Christopher; Abraham, who lived in Rush township and died in 1861 (he and his wife Jane had Robert, Duncan and David); Robert, who died young; James, who lived in Upper Augusta township (he married Polly Kline and had children Harmon and Robert); Elenor, Mrs. John Kline; Jane, Mrs. John; and Maria, Mrs. Sanders, who moved with her husband to New York State about 1830.

Christopher Campbell, son of Robert, was born in 1795 in Rush township, and died July 31, 1851, aged fifty-six years, six days. In 1823 he moved to Upper Augusta township, settling on the farm now owned by his grandson, James H. Campbell, where he owned 100 acres. He was a lifelong farmer, and gave the rest of his life to the cultivation and improvement of this property, on which he built the house and barn. His death was caused by a fall from the top of the barn, and he was buried at Klinesgrove cemetery. He was a Methodist in religious faith. Mr. Campbell married Sarah Kline, who died at her home in Upper Augusta township, Feb. 26, 1841, aged forty-four years, eleven months, fourteen days, the mother of ten children: Isaac died on the homestead; Rhoda married Samuel Oberdorf; Abraham, who remained with his father, died at the old home, of typhoid fever; Isabella married David Rockefeller; Catharine married Lewis Rockefeller; Elenore married Kelso Savidge and (second) George M. Forrester; Elizabeth J. married Bloomfield Carr and (second) Charles Haughawout and they live at Riverside, Pa.; Lemuel is a resident of Sunbury; Harmon K., born in 1837, died in 1870; Sallie (Sarah) M., born in 1839, married Charles P. Eckman.

Isaac Campbell, son of Christopher, was born

May 9, 1816, in Rush township, and died Dec. 26, 1896, on his farm in Upper Augusta township. He received a common school education. In his early life he was employed on the construction of the Pennsylvania canal, and later became a boatman on that canal, later engaging in farming and for many years in merchandising at Klinesgrove. He was the silent partner in the store there for many years, and was afterward extensively engaged in the milling business, at both Klinesgrove and Sunbury, conducting two mills, and giving employment to a number of men in his milling and agricultural operations. Able and energetic in his business affairs, he was also a useful man in the general affairs of the community, was one of the organizers and builders of the Klinesgrove Methodist Church and took some part in public matters. Possessed of force and character, he was the man chiefly instrumental in the construction of the church and the collection of funds for that purpose. He and his brothers, Lemuel and Harmon K., gave the ground upon which the fine edifice was erected, and he burned the brick and gave time and effort to the successful completion of the building, in which he took much pride. During the Civil war he rendered service to the government: he was publicspirited in local matters; served on road views and often as juryman; and was a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of the county, but was defeated. He was a Republican in his political views.

In 1848 Mr. Campbell married Hannah C. Campbell, who was born in 1822 in Shamokin (now Ralpho) township, near Elysburg, daughter of Joseph D. Campbell. Until her death, April 3, 1911, she made her home with her son, James H. Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had children as follows: Dr. John Moore, born July 18, 1849, who died in July, 1893; Rebecca, who married Joseph Eckman and lives at Snyderstown; Dr. Lemuel C., deceased, who was a veterinary surgeon of Philadelphia; James H.; and Flora H., who died when twenty-two years old.

JAMES H. CAMPBELL, who is engaged in farming on the homestead in Upper Augusta township, was born Aug. 22, 1858, and received his early education in the township schools. Later he attended the academies at Freeburg and Elysburg and the State Normal school at Bloomsburg, and was only seventeen when he began teaching, which profession he followed for twelve years. He was in Shamokin one year; Upper Augusta township, seven winters; Snyderstown, two winters; Evert school, in Upper Augusta, one term; Hile school, in Rush township, one term. Meantime, about 1884, he had become interested in the lumber business, and for a number of years after giving up teaching devoted his time principally to that line, being thus engaged in Center county, where



he bought 887 acres of timber land. He had lumbered over about half of this acreage at the time of his father's death, and had employed as many as thirty men at one time. From 1882 he has been interested in farming, which he continued during his lumbering operations on a farm adjoining the homestead, and after nine years of lumbering he decided to give all his attention to agriculture, which he carries on yet. Since 1897 he has owned the homestead, which consists of 172 acres, and he also has an adjoining tract of sixty-three acres, all of which is under cultivation, Mr. Campbell following general farming. He is an intelligent and prosperous agriculturist, energetic and up-to-date in his business affairs, which are in a thriving condition. Since 1902 he has served as assessor of Upper Augusta township and still has four years to serve in that office, in which he has given general satisfaction.

On Feb. 17, 1881, Mr. Campbell married Anna F. Van Zant, daughter of Kinkade and Sarah M. (Vastine) Van Zant, and they have had two children: Verda died Jan. 6, 1902, of measles, after an illness of but two days (she was twenty years, one month, sixteen days old); Lessly I., born Dec. 25, 1882, lives at home with his parents; and Bessie A., who is an adopted daughter, is attending school. Mr. Campbell and his family support the Methodist Church.

Joseph D. Campbell, father of Mrs. Hannah C. Campbell, was a farmer, and lived at Elysburg. He is buried at the Baptist Church in Shamokin township. He and his wife Annie (Moore) had five children: Rebecca, Hannah C., Amos, Alma and Asenath.

LEMUEL CAMPBELL, a well known citizen of the borough of Sunbury, now living retired, was born Jan. 9, 1834, son of Christopher and Sarah (Kline) Campbell. He received a common school education and was reared to farm life, remaining with his parents, as was customary, until he reached the age of twenty-one years, after which he began farming for himself, in Rush township. There he resided four years, in 1860 becoming associated with his brother Harmon in the purchase of a mill at Klinesgrove, in the conduct of which he was engaged until 1866, meantime making his home at that place. Thence he moved to what is now the farm of Dr. Isaac Huff, who bought the place from Mr. Campbell, and in 1870 he bought a farm at Keefer station, in Upper Augusta township, this county, upon which he resided until his removal to Sunbury, in 1882. He continued to own the property, however, until 1905, when he sold it to William Hoover. Since his removal from that place he has been a resident of Sunbury, where he was engaged in business continuously until the fall of 1910. His first venture was as a dealer in farm machinery,

and he later added coal, being a retail coal dealer for twenty-six years before his retirement. He was the first agent to handle from the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. For about five years he owned and operated a boat on the Pennsylvania canal, between Sunbury and Baltimore. Mr. Campbell has acquired a large amount of valuable property, owning a block 175 by 230 feet in the heart of the borough, lying between Fifth and Sixth streets, bounded on the north by Woodland avenue and on the south by Market street. He has refused a high price for this block. Mr. Campbell devoted himself faithfully to the management of his business affairs throughout his active career, but he served one term as councilman of Sunbury from the Eighth ward, to which position he was elected on the Republican ticket. He is a substantial citizen, esteemed by all who have had dealings with him, and has made an honorable record during his long residence in Sunbury. Socially he is a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury. He and his family united with the Methodist Church.

In 1860 Mr. Campbell married Emma J. Smith, daughter of John and Eliza (Rockefeller) Smith, of Klinesgrove station, and they have had four children: Mary (married to J. C. Crawford), Dr. Charles F., Sarah Eliza (who died aged three years) and William Moore.

Charles Foster Campbell, M. D., of Sunbury, was born in Upper Augusta township, Sept. 17, 1867. He received his early education in the common schools, later attending Bucknell University, from which he was graduated in 1891, with degree of A. M. He then entered the University of Pennsylvania taking the course in the medical department, and graduating in 1893. He specialized in diseases and treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat. After practising three years in Philadelphia he came to Sunbury, in 1896, and has since been located there. He is physician at the Mary M. Packer Hospital of Sunbury. Dr. Campbell is a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, of the County Medical Society, and of the State Medical Society, as well as the American Medical Association. He was married in 1896 to Lizzie Lee Enos, daughter of the late John M. Enos, of Delaware.

William Moore Campbell, son of Lemuel, was born in 1873 in Upper Augusta township. He was given a public school education, graduating from the Sunbury high school when sixteen years old, after which he assisted his father in the conduct of his business affairs. During the Spanish-American war he enlisted, becoming a member of Company E, 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which command he served until his death, from the effects of typhoid fever, Sept. 20, 1898. He had become a corporal while in the service, and in the army, as everywhere else he

was known, was recognized as a young man of bright mind and promising future. He was well known as a sharp-shooter, and had a medal of honor. As a bicyclist he enjoyed considerable local fame and had won a number of races; he made the round trip between Sunbury and Snyder-town, a distance of sixteen miles, in fifty to fifty-five minutes.

Obadiah Campbell, one of the sons of the Obadiah mentioned at the opening of this article, was born in New Jersey in 1776, and was a young boy when his parents came thence to Pennsylvania, in 1779. He was brought up on the farm in Ralpho township, part of which is now embraced in the south end of Elysburg, and eventually came to own his father's homestead, upon which he made his home for some years. He then made a settlement in Columbia county, upon a large tract of timber land which he had purchased, just three or four miles east of Elysburg, erected a sawmill and engaged in the lumber business which he continued all his life. He was a man of thrift and enterprise, and built up a business which kept his sawmill busy day and night, giving employment to a number of men. He had three hundred or more acres of land upon which there was good timber, his land extending to the creek which divides Columbia and Northumberland counties, and he cleared two farms there, both now owned by one of his grandsons, Ezra Yocom, whose mother was Jane Campbell. There Obadiah Campbell lived, worked and died, and he is buried upon that place, as is also his father, Obadiah, who brought the family out from New Jersey. They were Presbyterians, but many of the old Campbells are buried at the Sharp Ridge Church, which is a Methodist church. Obadiah Campbell was a man of note in his community in every way. He was, like his father, a strong Democrat, and wielded considerable influence in the local councils of the party, though he would not accept office. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, held offices in the church and led the choir for many years. He was captain of a military company for thirteen years. His death occurred July 27, 1865, and that of his wife May 27, 1866. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Shipman, and she was like her husband a native of New Jersey, coming to Pennsylvania when five years old with her father, Nicholas Shipman, who settled with his family in Rockefeller township. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had a family of ten children, namely: Nicholas settled in Elysburg; Mary married William Thompson; Hannah married James Hile; Jane married Elijah Yocom; Obadiah S. is mentioned below; Elizabeth married and is deceased; Joanna married a McMirtry (or McMurtrie), who was from New Jersey and returned to that State (they had a son John and a daughter Maggie); John is men-

tioned below; Sarah married Shultz Knittle; Jackson settled on one of the two farms into which his father's 300-acre tract was divided, Elijah Yocom, his brother-in-law, coming into possession of the other.

Obadiah S. Campbell, son of Obadiah, was born Nov. 25, 1816, near Elysburg, was reared upon the homestead, and received his education in the local schools. He learned the trade of millwright, which he followed for the long period of thirty-five years, until he was fifty-five years old, building saw and grist mills in Lycoming, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Schuylkill counties; he worked at his trade considerably in the eastern part of Northumberland county, putting up five or six gristmills on Roaring creek. During part of the time he was engaged at his trade he lived in Columbia county. After giving up millwrighting he farmed for about ten years, living one mile east of Elysburg, on a farm in Ralpho township which he had purchased in 1852 in partnership with his brother-in-law, James Fox, removing there in 1856. The place contained 120 acres, now owned by Columbus Raup. Here Mr. Campbell carried on general farming until his retirement, in the spring of 1889, after which he made his home in Elysburg until his death, which occurred there in 1896. Mr. Campbell was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Sharp Ridge, where he is buried; he was active in the work of that church for a number of years, served many years as class-leader, and was faithful in all his religious duties. In politics he was a Democrat and quite active in the party, held various township offices, and was specially interested in public education, serving on the school board and assisting in the advancement of the schools whenever possible. In 1865 he was elected a justice of the peace of what is now Ralpho (then Shamokin) township, continuing to hold that office for a quarter of a century and giving eminent satisfaction in the discharge of its duties. Fraternally he was a member of the I. O. O. F. A public-spirited and intelligent citizen, ready to give his time and influence to all matters affecting the general welfare, he was respected and beloved by a large number of friends and acquaintances and left a name which will long be honored in the community.

On Jan. 9, 1840, Mr. Campbell married Eliza Teats, who was born at "Dark Corner," daughter of John Teats, and is buried by her husband's side at Sharp Ridge Church; she lived to be about ninety-six years old. They had children as follows: Oliver died in Michigan; Elmira (deceased) married Samuel Swank or Schwenk; John is a resident of Elysburg; Clement is a resident of St. Louis, Mo.; Edgar B. is mentioned later; Alvin died at Elysburg; Iva married Oliver Brady and they live at Elysburg; Lorin died young.

Edgar B. Campbell was born Feb. 14, 1855,

at Elysburg, Northumberland county, and was reared to farm life, working for his parents until after he attained his majority. In 1889 he began work in the car shops at Sunbury, where he was employed as car repairman for twenty-one years, until his retirement, Feb. 26, 1910. Mr. Campbell has had his home in Sunbury since 1889, but he spends his summers upon his farm in Rockefeller township, with the tenant on the place. The property consists of 110 acres situated on the Tulpehocken road, which he purchased from Isaac Lepley in 1904, and was formerly the George Conrad homestead, later owned by Elias Emrich. Mr. Campbell is a Democrat in politics, and he and his family are Lutherans in religion. He married Annie George, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Schuler) George, of Columbia county, Pa., three miles east of Elysburg. They have had one child, William Kimber.

WILLIAM K. CAMPBELL, of Sunbury, who is regarded as the leader in musical matters in that borough, was born Oct. 21, 1880, and has lived in Sunbury from boyhood. He attended public school there, and began taking music lessons when twelve years old, in 1900 entering Combs' Broad Street Conservatory of Music, Philadelphia, which he attended four years, graduating in 1904. Returning to Sunbury, he began teaching music, violin and piano, and has since devoted himself to teaching and orchestra work, usually having about fifty pupils in Sunbury. He plays in the Chestnut street theatre and at Armory Hall, in Sunbury, and is the director of Campbell's Orchestra, of Sunbury, which he organized in 1905 and has led ever since. This is an ambitious musical organization and very popular throughout this region. Mr. Campbell has been notably successful in his chosen work, to which he is enthusiastically devoted, and he has labored faithfully to establish and uphold the most worthy musical standards in his community.

On Dec. 9, 1904, Mr. Campbell married Annie Ditty, and they have one child, S. Ruth. They occupy the comfortable home at No. 530 North Seventh street, Sunbury, which Mr. Campbell erected in 1907. He and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church.

The Ditty family located in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, soon after the close of the Revolutionary war, its founder being one of the Hessian soldiers who decided to remain in America. He is buried at the Zion's Union Church in Stone Valley, near Hickory Corners, where many of his descendants have also been interred. Members of this family still live in the neighborhood of Georgetown (Dalmatia), in that section of Northumberland county. Andrew Ditty, grandfather of Mrs. Campbell, married a Lenker, of Dalmatia, and his son Charles, Mrs. Campbell's father, married Sarah Arndt. They live in Sunbury.

John Campbell, son of Obadiah and brother of Obadiah S., was born Dec. 7, 1823, at Elysburg, and died March 8, 1908. He received a good education, and taught school for a time, also assisting his father in his business affairs. Purchasing a farm in Shamokin township, he lived thereon three years, and for three years was settled with his family near Waverly, Ohio, engaged in farming. Returning to Pennsylvania in 1859, he traded farms with his uncle, Caleb Ely, receiving a farm of 225 acres in Lower Augusta township, which tract is still in the Campbell name, being now owned by his son Delmer. It was originally the homestead of William Shipman (brother of Elizabeth Shipman, who married Obadiah Campbell), and the house which this pioneer occupied stood between the present home of Delmer Campbell and his neighbor to the east, Lincoln Troutman, standing on the left side of a public road that passed through the land; some of the foundation is still intact, and sour cherry trees grow around the spot. Here Mr. Campbell lived and died. He was a prosperous farmer, and except for the springhouse built by Caleb Ely about a hundred years ago erected all the present buildings on the premises. He was a useful citizen and active in local affairs, serving as school director twelve years, as township assessor and as overseer of the poor. In 1853 he married Mary A. Fuller, daughter of John and Phoebe (Maly) Fuller, natives of Lancaster county who came to Elysburg from Dauphin county, Pa. Mrs. Campbell died July 11, 1895, aged sixty-one years, eight months, ten days. She and her husband are buried at the Mountain (Hollowing Run) Presbyterian Church in Lower Augusta township, of which he was a leading member and for many years an elder, filling this office until his death. Their children were as follows: Georgiana married Henry C. Smith, of Lower Augusta; Theodore Alvin married Katie Reitz and they live in Jackson, Mich.; Clara Jane married Hall Yeager and lives at Shamokin; Delmer F. is mentioned below; Charles W. died of diphtheria when seven years old; Warren L. married Stella Reitz, and they live at Rising Springs, Center Co., Pa.; Miles H. died aged twenty-one years.

DELMER F. CAMPBELL was born Feb. 13, 1864, in Lower Augusta township, son of John Campbell. He obtained his early education in the local schools, and later attended summer Normal sessions at Dalmatia and Milton, then taught by the county superintendent and one Professor Gebor, both men of high education, the latter a graduate of Princeton. When twenty-one years old Mr. Campbell received a license to teach public school in the county, and has taught fourteen terms in all, eleven in his native township—six years of this period in what is now Rockefeller township, which was then a part of Lower Augusta; one term in

the high school at Herndon; two terms in Lower Mahanoy. He is well remembered by pupils and fellow teachers as an educator of high repute, and he was always in demand while engaged in the profession. He has been a farmer from young manhood, and followed farming in the summer season while teaching. On Feb. 23, 1908, he came into possession of his father's homestead, upon which he now resides, devoting himself to the cultivation of this large tract, which contains 175 acres. It is located between Fisher's Ferry and Trevorton, in the southeast corner of Lower Augusta township, along the Little Mountains. He is an enterprising and progressive man, and has found farming very profitable. Like his father Mr. Campbell is a Democrat in politics, but he has never cared for public preferment and has taken no part in public affairs. He is active in church life, however, being a prominent member of the Mountain Presbyterian Church, which he has served as elder since he was twenty-two years old; he was treasurer of the church four years, and has filled all the Sunday school offices.

On June 23, 1890, Mr. Campbell married Thomson Speece, one of the seventeen children born to Anthony and Ann (Shipman) Speece, of Little Mahanoy township, the latter a daughter of Abraham Shipman, who served as associate judge of Northumberland county. To Mr. and Mrs. Delmer F. Campbell have also been born seventeen children, and another daughter of Anthony S. and Ann (Shipman) Speece, Effie, wife of Ambrose DeWitt, also of Lower Augusta township, has the same number. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are the parents of: Myrtle A., Ada V. (whose birthday is on Dec. 7th, her grandfather Campbell's birthday), Don Lee, Grover, John Anthony (named after both his grandfathers), Goldie, Ora, Alvin, Fay, Vera (who died of measles when three years old), Russell, Ethel, Lloyd, Elsworth, Elwood, Marvin and Theodore A.

WILLIAM PENN HASTINGS, late of Milton, Northumberland county, a newspaper man of that borough for over twenty years, died March 2, 1911. He was editor of the *Evening Standard* at that time.

Mr. Hastings was born Aug. 1, 1854, in Pittsburgh, Pa., son of Captain John Hastings, who married a daughter of Charles C. Gaskill, of Camden. He was but four years of age when his parents removed to Punxsutawney, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he resided until 1885. Mr. Hastings edited and published the Punxsutawney *Plain Dealer* when but sixteen years of age. In 1873 he purchased the *Spirit*, a paper started but a few months before, the publication of which was about to be abandoned. In twelve years he had made the *Spirit* one of the best paying country newspapers in the western part of the State. In 1885

he removed to Harrisburg and published the *Patriot* until the fall of 1886, when he established the *Evening Star*, now the *Star-Independent*. In 1887 he removed to Milton and assumed the management of the *Economist*, which paper was later merged with the *Record*. This paper was continued until 1909, when it was consolidated with the *Standard*.

With the exception of a year spent on a Virginia plantation Mr. Hastings made his home in Milton from the time of his removal there. In January, 1890, he established the *Weekly Standard*, which was made a tri-weekly a few months later. In May, 1900, he changed the paper to a daily, and under his management it increased rapidly in circulation and influence.

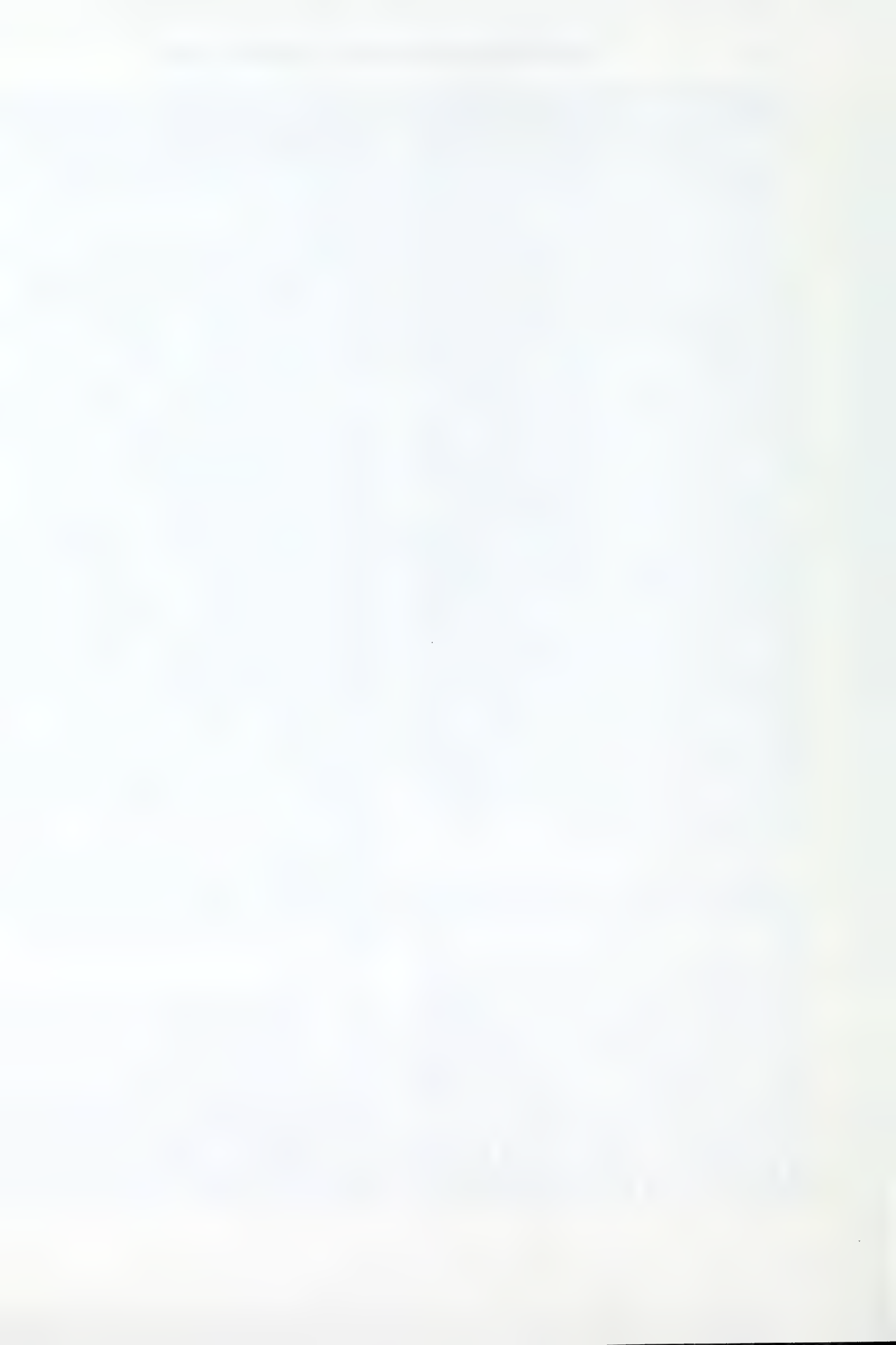
Mr. Hastings inherited a love for newspaper work, four generations of his family having been engaged in it. His grandfather, Thomas Hastings, published the first newspaper in Jefferson county, the *Backwoodsman*, the publication of which was commenced in 1838.

Politically Mr. Hastings was a Democrat. In 1884 he was a candidate for State senator in the Jefferson-Indiana district, but was defeated by twenty-three votes. In 1902 he was defeated for chief Burgess of Milton by but six votes. He served one term as school director and three terms as councilman of Milton, and gave the same arduous labor and devotion to his public duties that characterized his newspaper work. For many years he was an active member of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association, being its vice president at the time of his death.

Mr. Hastings had an attack of paralysis on Monday, Feb. 27, 1911, while at his office, but though he seemed to rally at first he passed away the following Thursday evening at his home on North Front street. He was buried in the Milton cemetery.

Mr. Hastings married Emma L. Evans, daughter of the late John Evans, of Punxsutawney, Pa., and she survives him with five sons and three daughters: Mrs. Leon W. Budd, of Chicago; and Mrs. Harry D. Crane, Penn G., J. Edward, Percy W., Anna G., Berkeley V., and Frederic G., of Milton.

JOHN HAAS, for many years of his long life one of the leading citizens of Sunbury, was not only a successful man so far as his personal interests were concerned, but also gave his aid and influence to insuring the success of a number of enterprises affecting the general welfare of the borough and vicinity. He was not only interested in the material prosperity of his community, but in the promotion of educational and religious projects, of philanthropic affairs, and of public improvements which would benefit the greater number of his fellow citizens, he displayed a zeal and



degree of public-spiritedness which betokened an intelligent and unselfish interest in humanity generally. Mr. Haas was born June 22, 1822, near Bear Gap, in Ralpho township, this county, son of Daniel Haas.

Daniel Haas and his wife Eve (Reed) were natives of Northumberland county, and lived in Shamokin (now Ralpho) township. He was a farmer there for some years, but selling his farm removed in 1854 out to Indiana, settling in Newtown, Fountain county, where they passed the remainder of their lives. They had a family of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, only three of whom now survive: William, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Julia A., who married Nicholas Y. Fisher and lives in Indiana; and Maria A., widow of Charles Leisenring, living at Bloomsburg, Pa. The deceased were: Peter; David, Jacob and Daniel R., all of whom lived in Indiana; John and Jonas, of Northumberland county, Pa.; Caroline, who married George Wicks, and Betsy, who married Charles Martz. The parents originally joined the Lutheran Church, but after removing to Indiana united with the Methodist denomination, there being no Lutheran Church in the town where they located.

John Haas attended at a log cabin schoolhouse, and among his early teachers were Albe C. Barrett, Jehu John and William H. Muench. He worked on a farm until he reached the age of eighteen, when his father apprenticed him to learn the trade of fuller and carder, with David Martz, at the mill located on a small stream near the present site of Paxinos. Thinking there were no prospects in that line for him he became discontented, and his father apprenticed him to Daniel Roads, to learn blacksmithing. But after one winter he found that equally uncongenial, and his father allowed him to choose his own way. He soon began clerking for his cousin, Jonas Haas, a merchant at Lineville, Lehigh Co., Pa., beginning at the modest wages of five dollars a month. At the end of one year there he returned home, and soon found employment at railroad repair work near Pottsville, being thus engaged for one year. After a visit home he again went to work for the same employer, at Pottsville, but within a short time came to Sunbury, Ira T. Clement having offered him work as a clerk in his general store. He was with him from 1845 until 1857. The latter year he became a clerk for Fagely, Seasholtz & Co., coal merchants at Sunbury, and in the fall of 1857 became a member of the firm, being associated for a time with William and Reuben Fagely under the firm name of Fagely & Haas, the name of the firm later changing to John Haas & Co. They were most successful, conducting extensive coal operations until 1872, in which year they sold their personal property to the Mineral Mining Company, continuing to deal in coal,

however, until William Fagely's death. Mr. Haas retained his interests in the coal business until his retirement, some years before his death. During the Civil war period the firm shipped considerable coal to Baltimore and Philadelphia. While in partnership with Mr. Fagely Mr. Haas purchased four thousand acres of woodland in Lycoming county, Pa., and they had large quantities of lumber cut and manufactured from that tract, selling it at a comparatively small profit.

In 1883, when the Sunbury Nail, Bar and Guide Iron Manufacturing Company was organized, Mr. Haas became president, remaining as the executive head of that concern until he retired from the active management in April, 1890; he continued to serve as president until 1894. To the upbuilding of this, one of the most important industrial establishments of the borough, he gave his principal attention and best energies for a number of years, and much of its success was due to his efforts. Numerous other local concerns of considerable magnitude also counted him among their most effective promoters. He was one of the first directors of the Sunbury, Shamokin & Lewisburg railroad, now the Philadelphia & Reading road; a director of the First National Bank of Sunbury; and president of the Sunbury Water Company.

Mr. Haas was a member of the Lutheran Church for about sixty years, being associated with the church at Sunbury, which he served as elder for thirty-five years, being an important member of the church council, and as Sunday school superintendent for thirty years. The Sunday school of this church is a large one, numbering several hundred members, and Mr. Haas was able to do some of his most worthy work in that connection. He was treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Sunday School Association for one year; served as president of the board of directors of the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, now known as Susquehanna University; and was for a time a director of the Loysville Orphans School. In politics he was a Democrat until the formation of the Republican party, which he ever afterward supported, voting for John C. Fremont for President. During the Civil war he was an ardent Unionist. He died March 10, 1899, in his seventy-seventh year, after a life of all-around usefulness such as falls to the lot of few men.

In 1846 Mr. Haas married Mary A. Gheen, of Jersey Shore, Pa., who died in 1855. To this union were born four children: Jennie Clementine, who married L. T. Rohrbach, of Sunbury, both being now deceased; John Packer, born Sept. 30, 1849, now deceased, who married Sarah Schefley, of Lewisburg; Mary Alice, widow of Dr. C. M. Martin; and Louisa, who died in infancy. On Oct. 2, 1856, Mr. Haas married (second) Mercy Ann Martin, daughter of Jacob and Hen-

rietta (Becker) Martin. Though now past eighty, Mrs. Haas is a remarkably well preserved woman, has an excellent memory, and is a pleasing conversationalist. The large residence at the corner of Chestnut street and River avenue, where she makes her home, was built by Mr. Haas in 1868.

Mr. Haas was a Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Crusade Commandery, K. T., the latter organization of Bloomsburg; he also belonged to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Sunbury.

Isaac Martin, grandfather of Mrs. Mercy Ann (Martin) Haas, was a native of Warren county, N. J. He came to Northumberland county in an early day, living two miles south of Sunbury, in what is now Upper Augusta township, on a large tract which he owned—about four hundred acres. There he died, and he and his wife, Rachel (Bacon), who long survived him, are buried in unmarked graves in the old South cemetery of Sunbury, donated by William Penn as a place of burial. They were Presbyterians in religious faith. Two children were born to this pioneer couple: Jacob and Margaret. The daughter married Edward Harrison, and they lived at the "old dam" below Sunbury, in Upper Augusta township, where Mrs. Harrison owned much land. Their children were: Sarah Jane, who married Jacob Slough; Harrison, who died leaving a family; and Rachel, who married John Young.

Jacob Martin, son of Isaac, was born Jan. 30, 1802, on his father's homestead, and died July 29, 1849, aged forty-seven years. He was principally engaged assisting his father in the work of the home farm, which was located below Sunbury. His wife, Henrietta (Becker), born Aug. 30, 1800, died March 24, 1891, in her ninety-first year, and they are buried at Sunbury. They were Presbyterians in religion. Their family consisted of five children: Isaac, born Feb. 4, 1824, died April 6, 1891, at Port Carbon, Pa.; William B., born March 31, 1826, lived at Sunbury, and died March 6, 1893; Mercy Ann, widow of John Haas, was born May 31, 1828; Charles Follmer, born July 15, 1831, is a resident of Sunbury; Louisa B., born June 7, 1834, died April 18, 1908.

CHARLES FOLLMER MARTIN, son of Jacob, was born July 15, 1831, in Sunbury, on the site of his present home. He attended public school there, and was engaged at boating and various work on the Pennsylvania canal until 1864, after the war following different vocations until his retirement from active pursuits. After the flood of 1865 he had a contract from the borough for \$2,500 worth of work, "filling in" the streets which had been washed out. In 1862 he was in the Emergency troops called out to defend the State, serving as a member of Company D, 3d

Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia. He enlisted Sept. 12, 1862, and was honorably discharged Sept. 25th.

Mr. Martin is a Democrat, and in his active years wielded considerable influence in the local ranks of his party, being a leading member of the organization in Northumberland county. He served as county coroner, was an overseer of the poor for some time, and served as councilman of the borough.

On Feb. 20, 1866, Mr. Martin married Susanna Reinhart, daughter of Charles and Mary (Cressinger) Reinhart, of Sunbury, and to their union were born two children: John H. married Minnie Withington and has two children, Sarah L. and Elizabeth (they live at Hazleton, Pa., where he is freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railway Company); Sarah L. died unmarried at the age of twenty-two years.

HENRY HOOVER, business manager of the News Publishing Company, of Shamokin, publishers of the *Shamokin Daily News*, has been a resident of that borough for over twenty years and in the latter part of 1893 founded the *Daily News*, with which he has continued his association to the present.

Mr. Hoover was born in 1834 in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, where his parents, John and Mary Hoover, were pioneer settlers, moving thither from Bucks county, Pa., in 1811. He was one of a family of sixteen children. Working on a farm until he reached the age of seventeen, Mr. Hoover subsequently learned the trade of coachmaking at Catawissa and followed it until his enlistment in the Union army in 1862. He became a private in the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served until the close of the war, the regiment being attached to the Army of the James until March, 1865, when it joined Sheridan's Cavalry Division, Army of the Potomac. Mr. Hoover was wounded in the engagement near the Albemarle Sound, N. C., in October, 1863. After the war he located at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he was engaged in business until 1888, the year of his removal to Shamokin, where he has become recognized as a substantial and valuable citizen.

On Dec. 11, 1893, in association with his son, J. F. Hoover, he founded the *Shamokin Daily News*, of which J. F. Hoover is managing editor. In 1902 C. C. Hoover, another son of Henry Hoover, became a partner of his father and brother, acting as circulation manager of the *News*. They do business as the News Publishing Company. A printing plant, for book, commercial and job work, is successfully maintained. The location is at the corner of Lincoln and Liberty streets, Shamokin.

On Dec. 30, 1866, Mr. Henry Hoover married Mary E. Bindley, of Pottsville, Pennsylvania.



JOHN M. BRIGHT is engaged in the lumber business at Seventh and Oak streets, Mount Carmel, to which place he came in September, 1900, having bought out his brother, Hunter F. Bright.

This Bright family has long been established in Pennsylvania, and is of old standing in Berks county, where Michael Brecht, as the name was formerly spelled, was married in 1728 to Margareta Simone. He was born in 1706 and died in 1794; she was born in 1708 and died in 1778. They had the following children: Jacob, born April 13, 1729; George, Feb. 9, 1731; Michael, March 24, 1732; Katherine, April 6, 1734; John, Feb. 20, 1736; Peter, May 13, 1738; David, Aug. 9, 1740; Maria, Aug. 1, 1742; Sarah, Jan. 19, 1745; and Christina, Aug. 12, 1747. A genealogical sketch of this Bright family, in pamphlet form, prepared by the late A. G. Green, Esq., may be found among the archives of the Berks County Historical Society.

Michael Bright, evidently the son of Michael recorded above as born March 24, 1732, was the great-grandfather of John M. Bright. He was born in Berks county, and was an early pioneer in central Pennsylvania.

Hunter F. Bright, son of Michael, was born in Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., and passed many years in Schuylkill county, living at Minersville and later settling at Ashland. He died in Philadelphia at the age of ninety-nine years. He was engaged in the lumber business. To his marriage with Catharine Dreher were born four children: William H., Daniel, Harrison and Carrie (who married James Lawrence).

William H. Bright, son of Hunter F. and Catharine (Dreher) Bright, was born at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Nov. 27, 1831. He learned the saddler's trade, but did not follow it long, as he embarked in the hotel business and later engaged in the lumber business at Ashland, cutting most of the timber in that district. He died Jan. 11, 1896, at Reading, Pa., while on a visit, and was buried at Ashland. Mr. Bright married Anna Barbara Seitzinger, who was born Feb. 18, 1839, daughter of Peter Seitzinger, at one time a large landowner in Schuylkill county, who sold his property to the Reading Company. Mrs. Bright died July 26, 1902. She was the mother of a large family, namely: Kate, born Nov. 7, 1855; Adelaide L., born June 20, 1857 (wife of Rev. A. Stewart, a Presbyterian minister now located at Marietta, Pa.); Hunter F., born Jan. 18, 1859, who resides at Ashland, following the lumber business there and at Hazleton, Pa., and in the South (he married Laura Orth); Winfield P., born Oct. 16, 1860, who died young; Martin D., born Nov. 26, 1861; Eveline E., born May 11, 1865 (wife of H. A. Acker, of Reading, Pa.); William E., born May 26, 1870; John M.; and David J., born Nov. 19, 1877.

John M. Bright was born Dec. 27, 1873, at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and there received his education, attending high school. He was thoroughly trained to practical lumbering by his father, and has been principally engaged in that business since he commenced his active career. In September, 1900, Mr. Bright located at Mount Carmel, having bought the interests of his brother, Hunter F. Bright, at this point. His yard is located at Seventh and Oak streets and is the center of a large trade, which is being steadily built up under Mr. Bright's excellent management. He is also agent for the Rubberoid roofing. With an extensive knowledge of his business gained by actual experience, and an enterprising spirit that is equal to the demands of modern successful operations, Mr. Bright has made a good start on a prosperous business life.

Mr. Bright married Bertha E. Slanker, daughter of David Slanker, of Gordon, Schuylkill Co., Pa. They have had two children, William and Marshall.

Mr. Bright is a member of the Elks lodge at Mount Carmel, and of the American Fire Company of Ashland, Pennsylvania.

JOHN H. VINCENT was for forty years before his death one of the leading and most estimable citizens of the borough of Northumberland, commanding a large and creditable legal practice, serving about twenty years as justice of the peace, and filling various other local positions of trust, in all of which he displayed intelligent zeal for the welfare of the community and a degree of public spirit which insured the best care of the interests of his fellow citizens. His son and namesake, John H. Vincent, is now engaged in general law work at that borough, making a specialty of civil law, and has been highly successful.

The Vincent family is of French descent. From a pamphlet containing a life sketch of the late John Himrod Vincent, father of Bishop John H. Vincent, born April 20, 1798, at Milton, Pa., died Aug. 13, 1873, we take the following regarding the origin and early history of the Vincents. The Vincents are from an old French family. The name is Latin, and tradition carries it back to the fourth century. The *Bibliothèque Nationale*, in Paris, contains a long list of Vincents of various provinces and lines, Roman Catholic and Huguenot. On account of religious dissensions many Huguenots emigrated to England, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, South Africa and the North American colonies. There are many Vincent families in England. Several large families of the same name in America came directly from France, some from England and some from France via England and Holland.

John Himrod Vincent belonged to the family of Levi Vincent, who was born in Charente-In-

ferieur, on the west coast of France, and probably in the Canton of Rochelle, during the reign of King Charles II., April 10, 1676. He settled in New Rochelle, N. Y., and afterward moved to New Jersey, living in Newark township, where he died in 1763, aged eighty-seven years. His wife was Esther Debue, and they had one son, John.

John Vincent, son of Levi, was born Jan. 26, 1709, on the farm where his father died, and on Dec. 1, 1733, married Elizabeth Doremus, born July 13, 1711. She died Feb. 11, 1788, and he died Feb. 24, 1801. She descended from Anneke Jans Webber, whose father was Wolpfert Webber, her family records reaching back to 1600. The children of John and Elizabeth (Doremus) Vincent were: Esther, Cornelius, Rachel, Elizabeth, Elizabeth (2), Jane, Mary, Benjamin and Peter.

Cornelius Vincent, son of John, was born April 15, 1737, on his father's farm near Bloomfield, N. J., and died July 16, 1812, in Milton, Pa., at the home of his daughter Mary ("Aunt Polly Derickson"). In November, 1756, he married Phoebe Ward, and their children were Isaac, Daniel, Bethuel, Sarah, Benjamin, John, Elizabeth, Rebekah and Mary. (Further information in the pamphlet concerns only the posterity of Bethuel Vincent.)

Daniel Vincent, son of Cornelius, became the owner of about four hundred acres of land near Fort Freeland, lying along Warrior Run creek, and in the year 1790 built the first mill in the vicinity; it was remodeled in 1818 and is still standing. He did the work for the residents within a large radius and was very well known. He was at Fort Freeland when it was attacked by the Indians and he and his wife were taken prisoners, but she was sent back to her friends on horseback, while he was taken into Canada and held four years, during which time he acted as butcher for his captors. During one of his fights with the Indians he sustained an injury in the side which gradually grew worse and finally caused his death. He and many other members of his family are buried in the Warrior Run cemetery. He married Anglechy Huff, and they had children as follows: Phoebe, Isaac, John and Elizabeth. The old family property was divided equally between the two sons.

Isaac Vincent was born Oct. 21, 1783, on the old homestead in Northumberland county, and early in life took to agricultural pursuits. He inherited one half of his father's estate, and there lived throughout his life. His wife, Rebecca (Comly), was a native of Philadelphia, Pa., and they had children as follows: Ezra C., one that died in infancy, Nancy, Daniel, Charles, Caroline, Isaac, John H., Rebecca, Hannah M., Elizabeth, Comly and Henry Clay.

John H. Vincent, son of Isaac, was born Dec. 2, 1826, in Delaware township, Northumberland county, and received his early education in the public schools and at McEwensville Academy. He then taught school for some time, and saving his earnings was enabled to enter Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., where he remained until he had passed the junior year. He then, with ex-Governor Hoyt of Pennsylvania and ex-Judge Schuyler of Northampton county, enrolled as a student at Williams College, in Massachusetts, from which institution he was graduated in 1849, after which he went to Charleston, S. C., and engaged as a school teacher. Later he removed to Alabama, where he also followed teaching, being private tutor for the children of a wealthy planter's family. After a few years he returned home and began his preparation for the legal profession, entering the law office of Gov. James Pollock, at Milton, and after a year taking up study in the McCarty Law School, at Easton. There he was admitted to the bar in 1854, and immediately began practice at Easton with Judge Schuyler as partner, remaining there until 1857. That year he located at Milford, Pike Co., Pa., where he resided until the Civil war. In 1862 he enlisted in Company B, 151st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was made second lieutenant before the company saw service, was later promoted to first lieutenant, and served as such at the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg and in many skirmishes, receiving his discharge in 1863.

Returning to Milford, Mr. Vincent resumed the practice of law, which he continued at that point until 1867, meantime serving two terms as district attorney of Pike county. From that time until his death he was located at Northumberland, where he not only built up a large practice as a lawyer, among the most influential class of citizens in the locality, but also became a leading business man, being secretary of the Bird Coal & Iron Company. With the exception of one year, he was justice of the peace continuously from 1889 until his death; was solicitor of the borough; school director a number of terms; and filled minor local offices for several years. In politics he was a Democrat. In 1877 he built a large and handsome brick residence and office on Queen street, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1909, when he was in his eighty-third year. He is buried at McEwensville.

Mr. Vincent's first marriage was to Mary C. Davis, daughter of John Davis, of Easton, Pa., and they had two children: Julia, who died at an early age; and May, who married J. W. Elliott, of Renova, Pa., now deceased. Mrs. Elliott now residing at Barnesboro, Pa. The mother died young, and on Oct. 9, 1867, Mr. Vincent married (second) Caroline Montgomery, who survives him. To this

union were born four children, John H., Caroline, William M. and Ella, of whom John H. is the only one now living.

JOHN H. VINCENT, son of the late John H. Vincent, was born March 7, 1876, in the borough of Northumberland, and there received his preparatory education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1894. He next attended Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, and for one year was a student at the Dickinson School of Law, at Carlisle, Pa., after which he registered in the office of Hon. Simon P. Wolverton, of Sunbury. On Dec. 18, 1899, he was admitted to the Northumberland county bar, and has since devoted all his time to legal practice, making a specialty of civil law. His office is on Queen street, Northumberland. Mr. Vincent enjoys the highest standing personally and professionally. His inherent aptitude for the law has been developed in practical work, and like his father he commands a clientele whose patronage itself is a recommendation of his ability. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Presbyterian Church of his town, and was formerly a member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, which he joined in 1895. In April, 1898, he was mustered for service in the Spanish American war with Company E, 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and he was mustered out with that command in October, 1898; he was a corporal.

On Jan. 26, 1899, Mr. Vincent married Margaret Starick, adopted daughter of William A. and Mary (Dunham) Starick, the former of whom, now deceased, was in his time a prominent hardware merchant of Northumberland, and active in civic affairs in the borough. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent have one child, Elizabeth.

Mr. Vincent recently found a register of the genealogy of the Vincents written by one of his relations Aug. 22, 1822.

Mrs. Caroline (Montgomery) Vincent traces her ancestry back to Robert Montgomery, who emigrated to this country from County Armagh, Ireland, when thirty-two years old, and settled in Dauphin county, Pa. He located on the site of the present city of Harrisburg and was one of the first grand jurors of Dauphin county. He died in 1776, aged seventy-one years. To him and his wife Sarah were born five children: William, Thomas, Hugh, David and John.

John Montgomery, son of Robert, was born in Ireland, and was four years old when he came to this country with his parents. He grew to manhood in Dauphin county, became a farmer by occupation, and in 1773 exchanged an improved tract in that county for a wild tract in Turbut township, Northumberland county, making a trade with William Patterson. The deal proved advantageous for Mr. Montgomery, who started his life in the new region under better conditions than

most of the pioneers. But after getting his affairs in prosperous shape his home was attacked by a band of Indians and he was obliged to flee with his family to Fort Freeland for safety. There, on July 28, 1779, they were attacked by a party of over three hundred British and Indians. After that John Montgomery sought temporary refuge with his family at his old home in Dauphin county, near Harrisburg. When peace had finally been declared, in 1783, he went back to the home in Northumberland county, restored the buildings which had been destroyed, and erected a limestone house which is still standing. He continued his work on this place until Nov. 8, 1782, when he was killed by a falling tree while engaged on the building of the Derry road. At the time of his death he was fifty-eight years old. He had married Christianna Foster, who died March 2, 1821, at the advanced age of eighty years, and both are interred in the Chillisquaque burying ground. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery had the following children: Robert, John, William, David, Jane and Sarah.

William Montgomery, son of John, was born at what is now Paradise, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead, where he followed farming all his life. He died Aug. 22, 1853, aged seventy-six years, and his wife, Rachel (Simpson), died in 1806, at the early age of twenty-six years. They were the parents of three children: Nancy, who married Robert Van Valzah, M. D.; John T., who married Hannah Hower; and William.

William Montgomery, son of William, was born March 7, 1805, on the old homestead, and early in life settled at Limestone Ridge, but later bought a fine property at McEwensville, where he engaged in farming. He was very successful, and owned a fine estate at the time of his death, which was caused by smallpox, in February, 1875. He married Molly Caldwell, daughter of John Caldwell, and they had children as follows: William C., who married Hadassa G. Dearmond; Mary Jane, who resides with her sister Mrs. Vincent, and who is the widow of John M. Thatcher, a hot water furnace manufacturer of New York; Caroline M., widow of John H. Vincent; and Sarah E., wife of Valentine S. Truckermiller, of Truckermiller's Mills.

PHILIP ECKMAN, late of Sunbury, was for a number of years engaged in business in that borough as a merchant and later as agent for farming implements, in which lines he did a thriving trade. His widow, Mrs. Harriet (Conrad) Eckman, still continues to make her home there.

Mr. Eckman was born in 1843 in Rushtown, Northumberland county, and was a great-grandson of Charles Eckman, the founder of the family in



this county. Charles Eckman was a native of New Jersey, and coming to Northumberland county settled in Upper Augusta township, many of his descendants now living in this section. His wife's maiden name was DeWitt.

Philip Eckman, son of Charles, had five sons: Charles, Isaac, John, Jacob and Abram. Of these, Charles married Elizabeth J. Kline and they had children: John Edgar, who married Theodosia Forrester, and died in 1868; Elisha M., who married Mrs. Mary E. (Reed) Campbell, widow of Harmon K. Campbell; Margaret, deceased; Clarissa Ann, deceased, who was the wife of H. C. Savidge and had children Grace and Edgar; and James D. Isaac, son of Philip, had children Col. Charles Eckman and David Eckman.

John Eckman, son of Philip, was born in 1817 and died in 1906, beloved by all who knew him. He was a conscientious Christian gentleman, for many years an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and the weather was never so severe that he could not be found in his pew. He married Theressa Mettler.

Philip Eckman, son of John and Theressa (Mettler) Eckman, was engaged as a merchant in Sunbury for many years, and later became a general agent for agricultural implements, in which line he was also successful. He died in 1904. He was a substantial citizen and highly esteemed by the many who knew him in both business and social relations.

On Oct. 1, 1868, Mr. Eckman married Harriet Conrad, who was born in what was then Upper Augusta township, now included in the borough of Sunbury. One child was born to them, Esther, who is a graduate of the Sunbury high school. Mr. and Mrs. Eckman also reared Gertrude Fausold Eckman, who is now the wife of Ammon Geise and has had the following children: Paul, Harriet, Charles W. (deceased), Henry Lee, Stanley Eckman, Esther, Gertrude and Philip Eckman. Since the death of Mr. Eckman Mr. Geise has assisted Mrs. Eckman in her business affairs. After the death of her father she erected a fine brick house upon the property her father left her. It is a pleasant residence, surrounded by a beautiful and well kept lawn, and she and her daughter have a comfortable home there. She has divided her farm into borough lots, most of which she has sold, and Mr. Geise has helped her in the division of the property and the sale of the lots. She is held in the highest respect by her neighbors and friends, who are numerous in the community.

John Conrad, Mrs. Eckman's grandfather, was born March 18, 1777, and died June 11, 1839. He married Julia Cooper, who was born June 1, 1778, and died Dec. 22, 1841. They lived on the hill near Sunbury, and Mr. Conrad gave his attention principally to the raising of fruit, having the largest orchard in the vicinity. He made a specialty

of peaches, which he took to market in such quantities that he used a six-horse team. Nine children were born to John and Julia (Cooper) Conrad: (1) Daniel married a Miss Wolfe. (2) William married Susan Huey and (second) a Bartholomew. (3) George married Esther Reiser. (4) Julia Ann married Henry Gass and had children, William, Jacob, George, Maria, Susan, Louise and Harriet. (5) Sarah married a Mr. Gehringer. (6) Elias, born June 20, 1819, died Jan. 27, 1849. His wife was a Gehrlinger. (7) Kate married a Mr. Cooper. (8) Ann Maria married Decaton Herb and had five children, Julia, Maria, Daniel, Decaton and Samuel. (9) Susan married Samuel Herb.

GEORGE CONRAD, son of John and Julia (Cooper) Conrad, was the father of Mrs. Eckman. He was born Aug. 26, 1808, in Upper Augusta township, and died May 17, 1877. His wife, Esther (Reiser), born July 26, 1811, died Nov. 11, 1886. They were the parents of the following children: (1) Catharine married Albert Beckley, and their children were Florine (married Charles Zerbe), Clara (married John Evert), Alice (died young) and Hattie. (2) William died young. (3) Harriet is the widow of Philip Eckman, of Sunbury. (4) Henry married Sophia Fasold and they had a family of seven, George M. (who married Della Burns and had a daughter Ruth), Cora (wife of W. P. G. Hoffman), Esther (died young), Charles (who married a Miss Lawrence and subsequently a Miss Eyser), Ida (wife of J. B. Gould), Emily (Mrs. William Scott, whose children are Thomas and Henry) and William. (5) Amandus A. married Mary Wise. (6) Gideon. (7) Silas married Ellen Clark.

WILLIAM B. LEWIS, general manager of the W. F. Tauble hosiery mills at Shamokin, Northumberland county, has risen to his present position of responsibility by faithful attention to duty and executive ability which has proved valuable to the large concern with which he is identified. He entered the business when twenty-one years old in an humble capacity and has made his way by intelligent service and unremitting application to his work. The concern occupies an important place in the industrial life of Shamokin and vicinity, giving employment to about five hundred and seventy-five hands at the mills in the city as well as to two hundred in the mill at Mount Carmel.

Mr. Lewis was born in March, 1869, at Camden, N. J., son of Enoch Lewis and grandson of Benjamin Lewis. The grandfather lived and died in New Jersey. Enoch Lewis was an engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, on the ferryboats taking freight from Philadelphia to Camden. He died when only thirty-three years old. He married Rebecca Bischoff, who now makes her home at Riverside, N. J., and they had four

children: Wesley, Nettie, William B. and Elizabeth.

William B. Lewis received a common school education. He was first employed at firing on a steamboat for the J. W. Paxton Company of Philadelphia, at Pier No. 45, continuing at this work for five years. When twenty-one he began work in the hosiery business at Riverside, N. J., in the employ of William F. Tauble, as a stocking knitter, and by industry was advanced steadily until he attained the position he now holds. The company was incorporated at Shamokin Jan. 1, 1901, and on March 17th following located in a small building on Lincoln street. In October of the same year a one-story building was erected for the accommodation of the business, which was promising from the start, and the following year a two-story building was put up. In 1903 a large four-story building was constructed, and all of these buildings, which occupy an advantageous location on West Walnut street, Shamokin, are now used for manufacturing the output of seamless hosiery for which the Tauble mills have become famous. In construction and equipment they are first-class in every particular and a credit to the city as well as to the owners. About five hundred and seventy-five hands find employment in the mill at Shamokin. Several other mills are operated by the same concern, one at Mount Carmel, one at Philadelphia, one at Riverside, N. J., and one at Tamaqua, Pa., the combined output placing it among the most extensive manufacturers of seamless hosiery in the United States. Mr. Lewis, the general manager at Shamokin, is a busy man, well liked among those with whom he has dealings in any of the relations of life, and has earned the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens in Shamokin since taking up his residence in that city. He was one of the organizers and original directors of the new Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Shamokin.

On March 31, 1891, Mr. Lewis married Laura Pike, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth, now the wife of Jacob Neihoff, of Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis live at No. 1020 West Chestnut street, Shamokin. The family are Methodists in religious faith. Fraternally he holds membership in the B. P. O. Elks and the Jr. O. U. A. M.

MOWERY. This name is found in various forms here in Northumberland county, Mourer, Maurer, Mowery and Moury being common forms. This article pertains particularly to the three surviving sons of Daniel Mowery, Peter, Daniel W. and Harvey, the first and last named being residents of the borough of Shamokin, and Daniel W. living in Shamokin township, where he owns the valuable Brookside farm. All are worthy representatives of a name long and favorably known in this region.

The family came from Germany to this country, and first settled in Berks county, later moving to the Mahantango Valley, in Northumberland county. Peter Mowery, grandfather of the three brothers named, was born in the Mahantango Valley, and later settled near Edgewood Park, at Bear Valley (Shamokin), where he was among the first settlers. Subsequently he removed to Locust township, Columbia county, where he followed farming until his death. His wife was Magdalena Loudelsleger, and both are buried in Columbia county. They were the parents of a large family: Michael, who died in Columbia county; John, who died in Jefferson county, Pa.; Solomon, George and Peter, all three of whom died in Columbia county; Daniel; Sarah; Sophia; Fronie; Elizabeth; Leah; Sabina, and Catharine. The mother of this family had an experience typical of the time in which she lived. While they were living near Bear Valley she was attracted by a noise in the pig pen, and going to investigate found a bear trying to steal a pig. The men being all away from the house, clearing the land, she attacked the animal with a long-handled fire shovel and killed it.

Daniel Mowery, son of Peter, was born at Bear Valley. In his earlier years he followed farming, but he later became engaged at mining, and he was killed in the mines in 1855, when forty-five years old. He was interred in a small burial ground on the Mount Carmel road out from Shamokin. His wife, Mary (Yeager), daughter of John Yeager and his wife Sarah (McClow), of Columbia county, Pa., is buried in the Shamokin cemetery. They had the following children: John is deceased; Mary is the widow of John B. Snyder, of Shamokin; Caroline is deceased; Peter, Daniel W. and Harvey are mentioned below; Susan is the widow of Daniel Zimmerman; William died young; Lucy (deceased) married Washington Leiby and (second) Washington Fahringer.

PETER MOWRY, eldest surviving son of Daniel, was born Nov. 14, 1842, in Shamokin. He received his education in the schools of Columbia county, was reared upon the farm, and in his young manhood learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for some time at Shamokin and elsewhere in Northumberland county. In all he was engaged at his trade for about thirty years, being at the Big Mountain colliery about eleven years, and also at the Henry Clay, Nelson, Pennsylvania and Green Ridge collieries. Upon giving up his trade he was elected janitor of the McKinley school building, in Coal township, in 1906, and has since filled that position, which occupies all his time. He has long made his home in Shamokin, having built his present home, at No. 1111 Walnut street, in 1886. He is a respected citizen, well known in Shamokin and throughout Coal township. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion

a Lutheran. Socially he holds membership in the I. O. O. F.

On Jan. 5, 1868, Mr. Moury married Mary A. Moyer, who was born March 10, 1852, daughter of David and Catharine M. (Cherry) Moyer, and fifteen children have been born to their union, namely: Mary C., born Nov. 9, 1868, married John A. Mengel; David died when seventeen years old; Ella R., born March 17, 1872, married William H. Ritchie; Daniel H. was born Aug. 29, 1873; John W. was born Jan. 15, 1875; Ida S., born Nov. 19, 1876, married Wilson G. Yoder; Stella C. died in infancy; Clara E., born July 10, 1880, married Edward Hess; Alice W., born March 13, 1883, married Absalom Davis; Bertha E., born July 18, 1884, married Bert Goodman; Sarah-M. died when five years old; Fannie A., born Nov. 6, 1888, died when eight years old; Florence M., born March 17, 1891, is at home; Carrie M. and Arthur E. died in infancy.

DANIEL W. MOWERY, son of Daniel, was born Jan. 31, 1845, in Columbia county, Pa., and received his education in the public schools. When nine years old he began to pick slate at the breaker, working thus one year. He then went to live with Daniel Keller, at Bear Gap, and while there enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company D, 95th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Capt. Charles Grosh, of Lancaster, Pa., the company being recruited from Lancaster county. He served one hundred days. In 1866 Mr. Mowery located at his present home in Shamokin township, which formed part of the old Persing property. He has erected all new buildings upon his land, and his property, known as the Brookside farm, is in up-to-date condition in every respect. He follows general farming and trucking, and has prospered steadily by dint of hard work and good management. Mr. Mowery is a good neighbor and well liked in his community, has served three years as township treasurer, is a very active member of the U. B. Church, which he has served as treasurer, trustee, class leader and Sunday school superintendent, and politically is a Prohibitionist. He is a man who possesses the courage of his convictions, and he has been influential in promoting the best interests of his locality. He is one of those interested in the Irish Valley Rural Bell Telephone Company, which has seven miles of wire; put up in 1909 and 1910 by fourteen enterprising men of the valley.

Mr. Mowery married Mary C. Zimmerman, daughter of Michael and Clarissa (Snyder) Zimmerman, of Columbia county, and they have become the parents of ten children: Laura, John and Ida all died young; Michael married Rosie Furman, and their children are Daniel, Ruth and Paul; Eva married Lewis S. Tharp, and they have had children, Mary, Beulah, Ida, Elva, Donald and Howard; Adam died when fifteen years old; Al-

bert died at the age of thirteen; Lottie died when ten years old; Ellis died at the age of eight years; Clarence D. is at home.

HARVEY MOWERY, son of Daniel, now living retired in the borough of Shamokin, was born Nov. 9, 1847, at Shamokin. He followed mining for a considerable period, being in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company for about twenty years, retiring in the year 1910. Mr. Mowery owns a farm in Shamokin township, which he rents out, and has some valuable holdings of real estate in Coal township, at the limits of Shamokin borough. His home is at No. 826 West Pine street.

Mr. Mowery married Amelia Hartline, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Rebuck) Hartline, and to them has been born a large family: Minerva, now the wife of Lewis Reed; William, who married Laura Hains and (second) Katie Noll; Daniel, who lives in New Jersey; Mary, wife of Harry Lake; Michael C., living at home; Edna, at home; Lucy, married to William Thomas; Malchom, who married Edna Persing; Ellis; Ruth; Clinton; Annie, deceased; Rosie, deceased; Edith and Ethel, twins; and a son that died in infancy.

Fraternally Mr. Mowery is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Black Diamond Lodge, No. 1092, and to the Encampment; and he is a member of Washington Camp No. 149, P. O. S. of A. In religious connection he is a member of the Reformed Church.

CHARLES WOLVERTON CLEMENT, attorney at law, of Sunbury, Northumberland county, is a native of that place and a member of one of its most prominent families. His grandfather, Ira T. Clement, long the most influential man in this section, was a man who not only acquired means and position by his own efforts, but also brought advantageous industrial enterprises into the region which benefited the entire community.

Joseph Clement, Mr. Clement's great-grandfather, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He died on Staten Island, New York. In 1805 he married, in Sussex county, N. J., Hannah Hazen, and they had three children: Augustus, who married Caroline Lyons and died in Sunbury; Sarah, who first married a Mr. Hazen and later became the wife of Dr. Woodbridge, and raised a large family; and Ira T. Mrs. Joseph Clement married for her second husband Solomon Smith.

Ira T. Clement, born Jan. 11, 1813, in New Jersey, was a young child when brought by his mother to Northumberland county, Pa., where he spent the remainder of his life, dying Oct. 28, 1898. A more complete account of his life appears elsewhere in this work. In 1834 he married Sarah Martz, of Shamokin township, daughter of David and Magdalena (Shissler) Martz, and to them were born twelve children: Amelia, who died un-

married; Henry; Catharine A., who died young; David; a child that died in infancy; Mary Jane, who married John W. Bucher; Louisa, widow of Henry E. Moore; Sarah Frances, who married David C. Dissinger and survived him; Laura I., who married Dietrich James; Maria W., who died unmarried; and Grace and Emma, who died young. Only two of this family, Henry and Mrs. Moore, survived the father.

David Clement, son of Ira T., was born in August, 1840, in Sunbury, and was interested with his father and brother in the lumber business throughout his active career, continuing thus until his death, April 7, 1876, at a comparatively early age. On Nov. 2, 1866, he married Sarah Wolverton, a member of a prominent family of this locality, born Nov. 22, 1844, on the Wolverton homestead some miles below Sunbury, daughter of Dennis Wolverton, in his day a prominent resident of Upper Augusta township. Mrs. Clement continued to live at the home at Second and Arch streets, Sunbury, until her death, May 30, 1910, after an illness of over six months, and she is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. The funeral was conducted by Rev. R. R. Thompson, pastor of the Baptist Church, of which she was a lifelong member, faithful and conscientious in her Christian duties and in all other relations of life. She was also an active member of the board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. and of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Mary M. Packer hospital. Her many excellent traits of character and useful life endeared her to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She was the last survivor of her family, her brothers and sisters having all predeceased her. They were as follows: Horatio J. Wolverton, at one time a well known lawyer of Sunbury; William J. Wolverton, also a lawyer, and at one time county superintendent of schools; Mrs. Peter Snyder; Mrs. James Riland; Mrs. Thomas Snyder, and Mrs. William Kline.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. David Clement: Mary, who is the wife of James A. Watson, a patent attorney, of Washington, D. C., and has three children, Robert C., J. Angus, and C. Harold; John W., who died in infancy; and Charles Wolverton.

Charles Wolverton Clement, born Feb. 1, 1875, at Sunbury, there received most of his preparatory education, in the local schools, graduating from the high school in 1892. He spent one year of his high school life at Washington, D. C. Entering Bucknell College, he graduated from that institution in 1898, with the degree of B. S., receiving his master's degree from that institution in 1904. Meantime, however, he had completed his preparation for the legal profession. He attended what was then known as Columbian University, at Washington, D. C., now George Washington University, graduating in 1902 with the degree of

LL. B., and supplementing his course with special work which won him the degree of Master of Patent Law in 1903. He was admitted to the Northumberland county bar June 23, 1902. While taking his law course he was associated with his brother-in-law, Mr. Watson, gaining practical experience in patent law, of which he too makes a specialty. He also studied for a time with Gen. C. M. Clement, of Sunbury. Remaining in Washington a short time after completing his work in the law school, Mr. Clement returned to Sunbury and has since devoted himself to practice in this locality. His office is in Room 322, in the First National Bank building, at which location he has done business since 1904. His patronage has been a creditable one from the beginning, and has shown a steady increase, his standing being irreproachable, whether from the professional or the personal standpoint. He is a member of the Sunbury Board of Trade.

Mr. Clement is a Republican in politics and is at present serving in the borough council as representative of the First Ward. His social connections are numerous, he being a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of which he is at present senior warden (1911); Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.; the Royal Arcanum; the Sons of Veterans; the Temple Club; the County Club, of which he is president; the Phi Kappa Psi college fraternity; and the Bucknell Alumni Association. He is an attendant of the Baptist Church.

DR. A. T. DEWITT was born in 1837, in Augusta township, Northumberland county, and is a member of the DeWitt family here. In the early part of the seventeenth century, when the emigrant ancestors came to this country from Holland, they settled on Manhattan island, naming it New Amsterdam.

The records show that there were two brothers, one remaining in New York, while the other moved to New Jersey. About 1807 Paul DeWitt, a member of the New Jersey branch of the family, and grandfather of Dr. DeWitt, came with a number of other New Jersey families to Pennsylvania, settling in Augusta township, Northumberland county. He married Margaret Persing, and to them were born three children: Abraham, who moved to Philadelphia, Pa.; William, and Elizabeth, Mrs. Reppard.

William DeWitt, son of Paul, married Elizabeth Tressler, and to them were born seven children: Jacob, who married Mary Clark and had three children: Isaac, who married Elizabeth Cressiger and had seven children, two sons and five daughters; Paul, who married Abigail Shipman, and had five children, three sons and two daughters; William, who married Mary Latsha and had eight

children, two sons and six daughters: Matthew, who married Elizabeth Shipman and had two children, one son and one daughter; Moses, who married Lavina Strausser and had four children, one son and three daughters; and Abraham T., who married Sarah Renn and had four children, three sons and one daughter.

Dr. Abraham T. DeWitt, the youngest son, was reared upon a farm until he reached the age of sixteen years. He next spent two years at work in the mill of his brother William, and then took the opportunity to improve his early education, attending the academy at Boalsburg, in Center county, Pa. After that he began his experience as teacher, being thus engaged for one term in Snyder county, Pa., at the close of which he became a student at what then was known as the Freeburg Academy, in Snyder county. The following winter he taught school in Schuylkill county, and then again resumed his studies, at the Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University, located at Selinsgrove, Pa. He began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Caslow, of Halifax, Dauphin county, and in 1861 entered the University of Vermont, from which institution he was graduated June 9, 1862. Dr. DeWitt at once settled at Snydertown, Northumberland county, where he continued private practice until he took the examination for army service in June, 1863, and passing was soon appointed assistant surgeon, 54th Pennsylvania Volunteers, Emergency Men, for one hundred days' service. The command was sent out of the State, and Dr. DeWitt assisted in the capture of Gen. John Morgan, who was making his famous raid into Ohio. After receiving his discharge with the regiment, at the end of his term, the Doctor reentered the Union service, being appointed surgeon of the 2d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery Regiment, within the fortifications at Washington, D. C., at the northeast; in 1864 he was transferred from the northeast to the southwest, Washington defenses. In June, 1864, the regiment was ordered to join the army under General Grant, took part in the battle of Cold Harbor, and subsequently marched to White House Landing, where the troops took transports for City Point. The regiment was the first to advance upon Petersburg, where they remained until August, at which time they were stationed at Bermuda Hundred, continuing at that point until Lee evacuated Richmond. They were then ordered to Petersburg, remaining in charge of the city until Jan. 1, 1866, when they were discharged by general order. While in the defenses at Washington Dr. DeWitt was a member of the staff of General Fariero, with headquarters at Arlington. During the summer of 1865 he was chief medical officer of the district of Roanoke, with headquarters at Berksville Junction, Va. He was mustered out at Philadelphia in 1866.

On April 1, 1866, Dr. DeWitt resumed the practice of his profession, at Snydertown, Pa., in 1878 moving to the borough of Riverside, where he has since been located. He has won a place among the most esteemed citizens of that place by his busy and well spent life. His skill as a physician has brought him a long list of patrons, to whom he is friend as well as doctor, and he is widely known in Riverside and the surrounding territory.

While at Snydertown, in 1873, Dr. DeWitt was elected a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, was reelected to serve in the same capacity in 1874, and in 1875 was elected transcribing clerk of the House. Since becoming a resident of Riverside he has not been identified with public affairs as an office holder, but the establishment and maintenance of what is known as DeWitt's park is due to his efforts and is a worthy monument to his interest in the general welfare. It is a naturally wooded tract of some twenty acres, which has been well equipped for amusement purposes, with a pavilion 50 by 110 feet in dimensions, a dining hall 65 by 36 feet, and large ball grounds with a 100-foot grand stand. The park is well supplied with flowing water, cool and of excellent quality, conducted through the grounds from a spring. The spot is cool and beautiful on the hottest days, and the recreation ground has proved not only an improvement to the vicinity but a blessing to the many who take advantage of its benefits. The idea was typical of Dr. DeWitt. He is a man of kind and genial disposition, and in spite of his advanced years is remarkably well preserved.

Dr. DeWitt married Sarah Renn, who died July 2, 1906, at the age of sixty-six years. Of the four children born to this union one son died young, the others being: W. O., who married Luella Gruver of Nanticoke, Pa., and has children, Helen, Florence, John and William; Heber Loran, who married Anna Morrell and has two children, George and Sarah; and Cora Irene, who married William Mettler and has one daughter, Evelyn.

WILLIAM R. REINHARDT, general superintendent for the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, whose offices are at Shamokin, has been a miner ever since he became a resident of that borough in 1871. A man who carries large responsibilities ably, a citizen of the highest standing, he is self-made in the best sense of the term, having won his success by industry and the most honorable methods. Mr. Reinhardt was born June 1st, 1855, in New York, and he is of German extraction, his father, William Frederick Reinhardt, having been born in Germany.

William Frederick Reinhardt came to America about 1853-54. After a short residence in New York he came to Schuylkill county, Pa., and he also lived several years in Lehigh county, thence



coming to Shamokin, Northumberland county. He died at Topton, in Berks county, of apoplexy, in 1892, at the age of fifty-eight years. By trade he was a printer, engaged in casting prints, but after coming to America he followed different kinds of outdoor work. His brother in Germany was a prominent citizen of Wittenburg and served as postmaster there. Mrs. Elizabeth Reinhardt, wife of William Frederick Reinhardt, was a native of Switzerland. She came with her husband to America, and died about 1898, at the age of sixty-seven years. They are buried at Topton. Both were Lutherans in religious faith. They had children as follows: William R.; Christian, of Topton, Pa.; Frank, of Shamokin, Pa.; and Emma, of Topton, who married John Dye and (second) John Brouse.

William R. Reinhardt received such educational advantages as the common schools afforded, most of his training, however, having been acquired in the fields of practical work. After he was fifteen years old he began working in the coal mines at Shamokin, starting as a laborer, and gained promotion by merit from time to time until he attained his present high position, the duties of which he assumed Jan. 1, 1900. During all this time he has continued to make his home in Shamokin, except for the two years 1898 and 1899, when he was general inside foreman at the Williamstown and Lykens collieries, which, however, were operated by the same company. He returned to Shamokin to take charge as general superintendent for the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, having supervision of all the work in its seven collieries—Cameron, Luke Fidler, Hickory Swamp, Hickory Ridge, Scott, Pennsylvania and Richards. Over five thousand men are employed in the district, which is one of the important coal fields of Pennsylvania. The original concern, the Union Coal Company, had five collieries—all those above named except the Cameron and Luke Fidler, which belonged to the Mineral Mining Company. In 1904 the Union Coal Company was changed to the Susquehanna Coal Company, and in January, 1909, this was in turn absorbed by the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, with offices at Shamokin. Mr. Reinhardt has been a director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Shamokin since 1900. He has not taken any active part in municipal affairs, except to give his influence as a public-spirited citizen to projects intended to advance the local welfare. He is a Republican in political matters.

Mr. Reinhardt is prominent in local fraternal circles, belonging to Lodge No. 256, B. P. O. E., of Shamokin; to the P. O. S. of A. at Shamokin; and to the Masonic fraternity, in which connection he holds membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M., Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T., Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, and the Temple Club at

Shamokin. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and at present serving in the church council.

In 1877 Mr. Reinhardt married Amelia T. Sowden, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Williams) Sowden, of near Allentown, Pa., and they had one child, Elizabeth, who died of diphtheria and was buried in the same coffin with her mother, near Slatedale, Lehigh Co., Pa. Mrs. Reinhardt had been in poor health for about a year, and shortly before her death contracted a cold which ended fatally in April, 1883. Mr. Reinhardt's second marriage was to Alice Shipe, daughter of George and Rebecca (Hoover) Shipe, of Montour county, though her father was a pioneer of Shamokin and built one of the very first houses at that place. He was a lumber merchant in the earlier days, later a dry goods merchant. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Reinhardt: George died of diphtheria when six years old; Walter was a mining engineer and was killed in the mines while a member of an engineer corps; Harry is a mining engineer and lives at Shamokin; Robert and Florence are still at school.

SAMUEL SOWDEN was an Englishman, born at Liskeard, England, May 11, 1816, and came to the United States in 1846, settling in Northampton county, Pa. Here he was engaged in ore mining, employing a number of men, and he followed that business from the time of his settling there until his retirement from active pursuits. He was employed for a number of years by the Allentown Iron Company. Earlier in life he was a farmer in his native land. In 1858 he located at Ironton, where he lived until a few years before his death, when he moved to a location between Meyersville and the Iron Bridge. Here his death occurred Feb. 5, 1891, when he was aged seventy-four years, eight months, twenty-four days, and he was buried at the Egypt Church in Lehigh county. He always took an active interest in public affairs, and was a public-spirited man in the best sense of the word, never failing to lend a helping hand to promote the best interests of the community.

Mr. Sowden's first wife was Mary Elliott. She died in 1844 and was buried at Liskeard, England. They were the parents of two children: Hon. William H., born in 1840, who was twice elected to Congress from the Berks-Lehigh district of Pennsylvania, was a most popular orator and a strong and convincing speaker; and John, who emigrated from England to Australia, and who never married. Mr. Sowden married (second) Elizabeth H. Williams, also a native of Liskeard, born Sept. 27, 1827, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Sowden) Williams. Her death occurred Aug. 17, 1890, at the age of sixty-two years, ten months, twenty days. She was the mother of the following children: Dr. Ralph T.; Amelia T.,



who married William R. Reinhardt, of Shamokin; Edwin E., deceased; Jabez B., retired, of Slatedale, Pa.; Samuel, who died in infancy; and Mame E., who married Morris A. Lentz, of Slatedale.

GILBERT VORIS (deceased) lived for over fifty years on a farm in what is now West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, in which region, in the territory embraced in either this or Montour county, the Voris family has been well known for many years. He was one of the most respected citizens of his community, a worthy representative of a name which has long been honored as standing for intelligence, integrity and sterling qualities of manhood and citizenship.

The first of the family to come to America emigrated from Holland and spelled the name Voorhees, as appears from the church record of Okey Voorhees, ancestor of the branch in which we are interested. But as the name at one time was written de Voorhees it is supposed the family is of French origin. It is known that three brothers, Okey, James and Abraham, came to this country from Holland and settled on Long Island during the seventeenth century, later settling near Trenton, in New Jersey, where they took up a large tract of land. Okey, the ancestor of the branch in Northumberland county, was born in either Holland or France, and as stated settled in New Jersey, where he reared a family. Eventually he moved out to Michigan, where he became a prosperous farmer, and a county was named for him. He died in Michigan.

Gilbert Voris, son of Okey, came about 1765 to Montour county, Pa., obtained a tract of over six hundred acres near Mooresburg, and died in 1797. He was buried in the old cemetery at Danville, now Memorial park, and when the question came up of changing the cemetery grounds into a park Mr. William Voris transferred the markers and remains elsewhere. Gilbert Voris was one of the founders of the Presbyterian Church at Danville. In New Jersey he married Jane McClanathan, who survived him and remarried, her second husband being John Carson; she died in October, 1816. She was the mother of four children by her second marriage, and four children were also born to her union with Mr. Voris, namely: (1) James settled in Liberty township, Montour county, and died at Danville. He married Anna Grey and they were the parents of fourteen children. (2) John is mentioned below. (3) Eleanor married Elijah Crawford and they became the parents of ten children. (4) Elizabeth married Peter Vandalang and had children: Adam, John, Gilbert, Jane, James and Peter.

John Voris, son of Gilbert, was born Aug. 29, 1791, and died April 2, 1863. By trade he was a carpenter, though he also followed farming. He was the most prominent contractor in his district

during his active years, building many of the most important structures in the locality, among them the old eight-cornered schoolhouse known as the Sodom school in Chillisquaque township, which he erected in 1814. In 1852 he purchased part of the Maj. James McMahan farm, known as the Teneriffe tract, for which his son's widow, Mrs. Gilbert Voris, now holds the original deed made by the Penns to the McMahan. The tract is now occupied by her son John L. Voris. Here stood the old fort, close to which Major McMahan was taken prisoner by the Indians. Later Gilbert Voris purchased more land in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, until he owned about seven hundred acres, and he became very successful in his agricultural pursuits, being a man of great business ability as well as an intelligent worker. He retired when about sixty years of age. Mr. Voris married Sarah Hendrickson, who was born May 11, 1796, daughter of Adam and Catharine (Vandling) Hendrickson, and died May 11, 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Voris were members of the Methodist Church. They were the parents of the following children: Mary; Jane, born in 1819, who died in 1895, the wife of Joseph Kerr (1815-1876); Catharine; Peter, who had one child, Lizzie B., wife of Dr. J. S. Follmer; Gilbert; Elizabeth; Abraham; William, who married Anna Mack and had twelve children, Josephine (Mrs. Charles Blue), George M., Jennie (Mrs. Harry Kramer), Mary E., Bertha, John, Nellie (deceased), Okey (deceased), Anna G., Sarah L., Emma Caroline (married Edwin Murray) and William Edwin; John; and Ellen.

Gilbert Voris, son of John and Sarah (Hendrickson) Voris, was born May 3, 1826, in Montour county, and received his education in the public schools of his native township. Until he became of age he worked on his father's land, and in 1862 he purchased one of his father's farms, all his life continuing to engage in farming, in which he was very successful. Though a faithful Democrat in politics he always refused any offers of public office, but he was a very active worker in the Presbyterian Church, serving as president of the committee that had charge of the erection of the Chillisquaque Church at Pottsgrove, the fourth structure built by that organization. The first church building, erected in 1773, the oldest church in this vicinity, was burned by the Indians. In 1789-90 the second was erected, the third in 1853, and the fourth in 1889-91. Mr. Voris was not only a zealous church worker, but actively interested in everything that affected the welfare of the community, where he was held in the highest esteem. He died Jan. 26, 1904, and is buried in Harmony cemetery, at Milton.

On March 14, 1854, Mr. Voris married Harriet McWilliams, and they had a family of four children: (1) Anna, born March 14, 1855, married



Dr. H. M. Emerick, of Milton, and died Sept. 3, 1897. (2) John L. is mentioned more fully below. (3) Hugh McW., born in 1864, died young. (4) Harriet E., born Feb. 20, 1873, is the wife of Luther Moll and has three children, Sidney V. (born April 10, 1897), Anna R. (born Sept. 30, 1899) and Frank H. (born Nov. 8, 1906). Mrs. Voris now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Moll, in Pottsgrove, whither she removed after her husband's death. She and her husband lived on the farm where they began their married life for over fifty years.

The McWilliams family to which Mrs. Gilbert Voris belongs has long been settled in this section of Pennsylvania. The earliest of the name of which we have record was her great-great-grandfather, Robert McWilliams, who married Jean Orr, by whom he had three sons, Hugh, John and Robert.

Hugh McWilliams, son of Robert, married Rebecca Dunwoody, and with his bride came to Montour county, Pa., where he took up some eight hundred acres of land.

Robert McWilliams, son of Hugh, was born in 1775, and in 1797 married Jane Curry, whose father, Robert Curry, was killed by Indians. To this union were born three children, Hugh, John and Mrs. Caldwell.

Hugh McWilliams, son of Robert, was born in 1799 and died in 1877. He married Rebecca Lemon, and they had children: Harriet, now the widow of Gilbert Voris; Regina (deceased), who married Dr. Simington; and Anna, widow of Frank Hain.

JOHN L. VORIS, son of the late Gilbert Voris, was born Aug. 6, 1858, in East Chillisquaque township, and there began his education in the public schools. He also went to school at Bloom and at Lewisburg. He has followed farming all his life, and in April, 1884, settled at his present home, a tract of 212 acres which was one of his father's farms, the famous Teneriffe tract, adjoining the old Voris homestead. In 1891 he built the handsome residence which stands on this property, one of the most beautiful homes in this region, up-to-date in every respect, and embodying all the conveniences found in metropolitan dwellings—a comfortable, commodious house which is a credit to the vicinity. It is located on the road between Lewisburg and Danville. Mr. Voris is one of the leading citizens of his district. He is at present serving his third term as member of the township school board, and he has always been among the first to support worthy movements in his neighborhood, of whatever nature. He was a member of the Grange and also of the State Grange, doing all he could to raise the standards of agriculture, in which he himself has been most successful as the result of progressive methods and well directed energy. Politically he is a Democrat, in

religion a Presbyterian, belonging to the old church at Pottsgrove which the family has so long helped to support.

Mr. Voris married Mary Hamor, daughter of William and Emma (Robins) Hamor, and they have had the following children: Gilbert, who married Grace Schell; Emily, who is at home; Frank, who died in infancy; and J. Harold, at home.

WILLIAM MACLAY, one of the first officials of Northumberland county and one of the two men who first had the honor of representing Pennsylvania in the Senate of the United States, left an impress upon the politics of the State and country more appreciable in the present generation than ever before. He and his brother, Samuel Maclay, who was the first representative of Northumberland and Dauphin counties in the Lower house of the National Congress, 1794, and later served as United States senator, were recognized as men of the highest influence and important figures in the life of their day. William Maclay served only two years in the Senate. But he helped to direct the course of the ship of state for a much longer period. Moreover, time has proved that his ideas, or more properly his ideals, were so far in advance of his time that he became almost discouraged in his hope of ever seeing them generally adopted. Yet to-day these ideas are by common consent the only ones which a high-minded statesman will acknowledge, the ones upon which he counts most to gain popular support. Mr. Maclay thought a man should enter politics with the one idea of serving his constituents to the highest and best of his ability; that he should receive their confidence on that basis; that he should be unhampered by the solicitations of selfish private interests, seeking to exalt the prosperity or promote the advantages of the few at the expense of the many. The project seemed simple enough. It was so big that though a full century has elapsed it is now only partially developed. But the evolution has been of a stable character. The theories which this broad-minded and far-sighted legislator attempted to put into practice over a century ago are becoming crystallized in modern political standards.

Mr. Maclay was born July 20, 1737, in New Garden township, Chester Co., Pa., son of Charles and Eleanor (Query) Maclay. He was of Irish extraction, his father having been born in County Antrim, Ireland, a descendant of Charles Maclay, Baron Fingal. In 1742 the family moved to Lurgan township, Franklin Co., Pa., and there William grew to manhood. At the outbreak of the French and Indian war he was a pupil at the classical academy of Rev. John Blair, in Chester county; entering the military service as ensign, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant May 7, 1758, in the 3d Battalion, and served with credit in Gen-



eral Forbes's expedition in that year. In 1763 he participated in the battle of Bushy Run, and during the subsequent progress of Bouquet's campaign was stationed in command of his company at one of the stockades on the route of the expedition. Meantime, in the intervals of his military service, the young man had studied law, and was admitted to the bar, in York county, Pa., April 28, 1760. It does not appear that he ever devoted himself to legal practice, but he must have found his knowledge of the law extremely useful in administering the duties of the various public trusts to which he was called. Surveying was his principal occupation during his earlier manhood, and in that work he covered the vast tracts of wild land in the central and western parts of Pennsylvania. At the close of the French and Indian war he visited England and had an interview with Thomas Penn, one of the proprietaries, relative to the survey of lands on the frontier of what was then the "Province" of Pennsylvania, he being a deputy surveyor for the Penns in Berks county, which then embraced the whole northwestern portion of the Province. It was as a surveyor that he first became familiar with the territory of what is now Northumberland county. On Feb. 23, 1769, he made the first survey in the valley of the West Branch, Buffalo Valley, one of the tracts apportioned to officers of the French and Indian war, in which he shared by virtue of his own services. Thus he became a settler in the region he so honored by his able and public-spirited devotion to its advancement, and which in turn honored him by intrusting him with its most important public affairs. When Northumberland county was formed out of Berks in 1772 he became the first prothonotary and clerk of the courts, register of wills and recorder of deeds, receiving his commission March 24th of that year. The same day he was commissioned justice for the county, his later commissions to that office bearing the dates June 11, 1777, and Jan. 24, 1785. He served as prothonotary etc. until 1777. In 1772 he assisted John Lukens in surveying the town of Sunbury, and in the following years erected a stone dwelling at the northeast corner of Arch and Front streets, the most substantial and pretentious of the early private houses at the county seat, where he continued to make his home for a number of years. He subsequently moved to Harrisburg. He was a foremost advocate in his section of the Colonists' cause from the early part of the Revolutionary period. He "assisted in equipping and forwarding troops to the Continental army, and marched with the Associators" to the seat of war, participating in the battles of Trenton and Princeton. After his return to Sunbury he served as issuing commissary, and he fled with his family to Paxtang in 1778, his letter to the Council, written July 12th of that year, urging that reinforcements be sent to Colonel Hunter,

forming part of his correspondence relating to affairs in Northumberland county published in the Pennsylvania Archives. Mrs. Hunter, the Colonel's wife, accompanied the Maclays when they left Sunbury. Another letter of Maclay's written July 26, 1779, states: "The stores at Sunbury are deposited in my late dwelling house, which is large and conveniently situated, both for defense and the reception and delivery of stores. The back part of it was stockaded last year by Colonel Hartley; a small expense would complete the stockade and mount a few swivels, several of which lie there dismounted I have had the charge of the magazine at Sunbury for some time past."

After the war Mr. Maclay was steadily in the popular favor. In 1781, 1782, 1783 and 1785 he was elected to the State Assembly from this county, and in 1786 to the Supreme Executive Council, over which Benjamin Franklin presided. In January, 1789, he had the honor of being one of the first two senators from Pennsylvania to the National House of Representatives, his colleague being Robert Morris, who drew the long term. Mr. Maclay's services ended, therefore, March 3, 1791. Though his service in that capacity was brief, it included participation in some of the most momentous affairs in the organization of the national government. Thus he took part in the inauguration of our constitutional government when the First Congress assembled in New York in 1789 and Washington was invested with the Presidency. Senator Maclay enjoyed an intimate personal acquaintance with Washington and was a frequent guest at his table. He kept a journal during his senatorial term, in which he summarized the debates in both open and secret sessions, and the comments it contains upon the events of the first Congress now form valuable and important contributions to the history of the period. His journal has been published in book form with notes by George Washington Harris, and also in the *New York Sun*. Dr. Egle, in his "Pennsylvania Genealogies," throws a light upon Maclay's strength of character and influence which could not be gathered, naturally, from his own writings, and we quote the same as important to an insight of his real worth:

"His election to this body raised him upon a higher plane of political activity, but contact with the Federal chiefs of the Senate only strengthened his political convictions, which, formed by long intercourse with the people of middle Pennsylvania, were intensely Democratic. He began to differ with the opinions of President Washington very early in the session; he did not approve of the state and ceremony attendant upon the intercourse of the President with Congress; he flatly objected to the presence of the President in the Senate while business was being transacted, and in the Senate boldly spoke

against his policy in the immediate presence of President Washington. The New England historians, Hildreth and Goodrich, repute Thomas Jefferson as the 'efficient promoter at the beginning and father and founder of the Democratic party.' Contemporary records, however, show beyond the shadow of a doubt that this responsibility or honor, in whatever light it may be regarded, cannot be shifted from the shoulders or taken from the laurels of Pennsylvania statesmanship. Before Mr. Jefferson's return from Europe, William Maclay assumed an independent position, and in his short career of two years in the Senate propounded ideas and gathered about him elements to form the opposition which developed, with the meeting of Congress at Philadelphia on the 24th of October, 1791, in a division of the people into two great parties, the Federalists and Democrats, when for the first time appeared an open and organized opposition to the administration. The funding of the public debt, chartering the United States Bank, and other measures championed necessarily by the administration, whose duty it was to put the wheels of government in motion, engendered opposition. Mr. Maclay, to use his own language, 'no one else presenting himself,' fearlessly took the initiative, and with his blunt common sense (for he was not much of a speaker) and democratic ideas, took issue with the ablest advocates of the administration. Notwithstanding the prestige of General Washington and the ability of the defenders of the administration on the floor of the Senate, such was the tact and resolution of Mr. Maclay that when, after his short service, he was retired from the Senate and succeeded by James Ross, a pronounced Federalist, their impress was left in the distinctive lines of an opposition party—a party which, taking advantage of the warm feeling of our people toward the French upon the occasion of Jay's treaty with Great Britain in 1794, and of the unpopularity of the Alien and Sedition laws, passed under the administration of President John Adams, in 1798, compassed the final overthrow of the Federal party in 1800."

From the close of his senatorial career until his death Mr. Maclay resided upon his farm at Harrisburg, erecting the substantial stone building subsequently occupied by the academy of that city. His services to his community did not end with his retirement from the Senate. In 1795 and 1803 he was again elected to the State Legislature; in 1796 he was a Presidential elector and in 1801-03 he served as associate judge of Dauphin county. He died April 16, 1804, and was buried at Paxtang Church. In 1769 he married Mary McClure Harris, daughter of John Harris, the founder of the city of Harrisburg, and granddaughter of the renowned John Harris, who was rescued from being burned to death by the Indians on the river bank where the State Capitol is now located. Nine

children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Maclay, of whom Mary, fourth child and second daughter, married Samuel Awl, a prominent resident of Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county.

MOESCHLIN. The firm of J. & A. Moeschlin, incorporated, owners of the Cold Spring Brewery at Sunbury, was established in 1873 and has been in continuous existence since that time, doing a large business in the borough and surrounding territory. It was incorporated under the present name Jan. 11, 1911. The brothers Julius and August Moeschlin, originally composing this firm, were born in Baden, Germany, sons of Jacob Moeschlin, who was also a brewer by occupation.

Jacob Moeschlin was born in 1820 in Wittlingen, Baden, Germany, and learned the trade of brewer in his native land, where he was proprietor of breweries. Coming to America in 1866 he started a brewery at Norristown, Pa., where he remained three years, thence moving to St. Clair, Schuylkill county, where he was located for a short time before coming to Sunbury, Northumberland county. After a year and a half at this point he returned to the Fatherland to settle up his business affairs, in 1874 returning to America, where in the meantime his sons Julius and August had become engaged in the brewery business, at Sunbury. He started the Star Brewery at Williamsport, Pa., but after one year there came to live with his sons at Sunbury, where he passed the rest of his days, dying May 6, 1890, aged sixty-nine years, six months, two days. He is buried at Sunbury. His wife, Anna Maria (Noll), who was born in Baden in 1817, died Nov. 4, 1890, aged seventy-two years, eleven months, eighteen days (six months later than her husband), and is buried by his side in Pomfret Manor cemetery. They had two children, Julius and August.

JULIUS MOESCHLIN was born June 12, 1851, in Loerrach, Baden, Germany, and there received his education in the public schools, which he attended from the time he was seven years old until he reached the age of fifteen. At an early age he began to learn the brewing business in all its branches, so that he was familiar with the commercial side of the work as well as the trade practically from boyhood. In September, 1867, when in his seventeenth year, he came to America, landing at New York City. His father, who had come to this country the previous year, had a brewery at Norristown, Pa., and the son went there to assist him, spending his first few years in the United States at that point. In 1870 the father came to Sunbury, and Julius Moeschlin arrived there on Thanksgiving Day of that year, again to become his father's assistant. He became brewmaster for Joseph Bacher, who had established what is now the Cold Spring Brewery in Sunbury in 1865, and remained with him until 1873, when he and his



brother bought out Mr. Bacher and continued the business on their own account. During the thirty-seven years of their ownership the plant was improved and enlarged until there is little of the original establishment left to recognize. The site was chosen for its convenience, the first buildings—all of which have been replaced by modern structures—having been erected over a fine spring, from which the plant derives its name. The location is at Seventh and Packer streets, and the large and well equipped buildings are the best evidence of the prosperity the concern enjoys and of the intelligent manner in which the business has been built up. The output is large, and a good market is found in the home community and in surrounding counties. A considerable amount is sold at Northumberland. Employment is now given to thirty men, and fifteen horses and two motor trucks are required for the distribution of the product. On Jan. 11, 1911, after the death of Mr. Julius Moeschlin, the concern became incorporated under the firm name of J. & A. Moeschlin, and began business as such on Feb. 1st with August Moeschlin as president; Edward A. Moeschlin, vice president; Reinhart J. Moeschlin, treasurer; John H. Otto, secretary and manager; Sophia C. Moeschlin and C. E. Sautters, directors.

Mr. Julius Moeschlin became one of the substantial business men of his adopted town, and he was interested in the Sunbury National Bank, of which he was a director from 1907. From 1901 he served continuously as a member of the school board, representing the Sixth ward. He died Dec. 14, 1910, aged fifty-nine years, six months, two days.

Mr. Moeschlin had numerous fraternal and social relations, belonging to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; Lodge No. 143, Knights of Pythias, of Sunbury; Lodge No. 89, I. O. R. M.; Aerie No. 503, Fraternal Order of Eagles; Conclave No. 11, S. P. K.; the Order of Moose; the Temple Club; the Lewisburg Club; the Concordia Saengerverein; and Washington Fire Company, which he served ten years as treasurer. He was a member of the First Reformed Church.

On Dec. 28, 1880, Mr. Moeschlin married Sophia C. Mulfinger, of Danville, Pa., and they had eight children, of whom two are deceased, the six survivors being as follows: Edward A., who graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1901, and from Wyatt's Business Academy; of New York City, in 1907, and who is now brewmaster in the employ of J. & A. Moeschlin; Mary H., a trained nurse of Sunbury, who graduated from the Philadelphia Women's Homeopathic Hospital in 1906; Catharine M. (who graduated from high school in 1903), who married Melvin G. Fahringer, of Elysburg, now the bookkeeper of J. & A. Moeschlin, Inc.; Reinhart J., who graduated from high school in 1906 and in 1909 from the Philadel-

phia College of Pharmacy as a druggist; Harriet E., who graduated from high school in 1908 and is now at home; and Annie L., at home.

AUGUST MOESCHLIN was born June 10, 1853, in Loerrach, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, and received a good education in the public schools of his native land, attending between the ages of six and fourteen continuously. For two years he attended night school. He learned the trade of butcher, but he did not follow it long, having given his principal attention to the brewing business. Coming to America in July, 1873, he was in Philadelphia for about two months, arriving in Sunbury Sept. 21st of that year. He and his brother purchased the brewery from Mr. Bacher, as previously related, soon after his arrival, and from that time conducted it together, August Moeschlin taking charge of all the outside work, looking after the horses, attending to collections and managing the farm—a most important branch of the work, the firm owning a tract of 170 acres in Upper Augusta township, this county, which they cultivate in connection with their brewing business. He is an able business man, and though not himself a brewer has thorough familiarity with all the needs of the work, doing his share toward the maintenance and upbuilding of the trade, which has shown a gratifying increase throughout the existence of the firm.

Like his brother, Mr. Moeschlin is well known socially, holding membership in the Elks, Knights of Pythias, Order of Moose, Odd Fellows, and Owls, all of Sunbury, and in No. 1 Fire Company. He belongs to the Lutheran Church. He is a director of the North Branch Fire Insurance Company, of Sunbury, and succeeded his brother as director of the Sunbury National Bank.

On Nov. 23, 1884, Mr. Moeschlin married Annie Fenstermacher, daughter of Isaac Fenstermacher, of Dalmatia, in Lower Mahanoy township. Eight children have been born to this union, two of whom are deceased, the survivors being: Gussie, who is now the wife of C. E. Sautters, collector and a director of J. & A. Moeschlin, Inc.; Elena M.; Frank F.; M. Ralph; Rachel V., and John K.

MARR FAMILY, genealogy of the Pennsylvania branch. Joseph Marr was one of the pioneers of Turbut township, Northumberland Co., Pa. He was born in Northampton county, Pa. June 15, 1750, the son of Lawrence Marr, supposed to have come to America from Scotland in the early part of the year 1700, who settled in Upper Mount Bethel township, Northampton Co., Pa., died (aged ninety years) and was buried there. On July 2, 1792, Joseph Marr purchased from the widow of Turbut Francis a tract of land, one mile square, a part of the tract known as the "Colonel's Reward," lying on the east bank of the



west branch of the Susquehanna river, embracing the northern part of what is now Milton, including the three farms north of that place. For this land he paid "four pounds per acre lawful money of Pennsylvania and a negro girl at the price of thirty pounds." He settled on the property in 1793 and immediately built a stone house beautifully situated on the banks of the river. It is still standing. In later years it was purchased from the family of Alem Marr, his son, by Moses Chamberlin. Joseph Marr died Sept. 18, 1796, aged forty-six years, and was buried in what was then the Marr burying ground, where the Lincoln street schoolhouse stands. Later his remains were removed to the upper cemetery, where they now rest. Mr. Marr was an earnest and consistent member of the Episcopal Church, in his day called the Church of England. On Aug. 18, 1794, he and his wife Susanna gave a tract of land, in Church lane, adjoining Upper Milton, to the trustees of the Episcopal congregation for burial and church purposes. He was one of the founders of the church of that denomination and the prime mover in the erection of the first church of that faith in Northumberland county. The church as an organized body dates back to 1793.

Mr. Marr married Susanna Price, who was born April 27, 1754, and died Dec. 27, 1826. Mrs. Marr, who was of Quaker ancestry, was the daughter of David Price and Hannah Frampton. Through her mother she was descended from William Frampton, of England, who was appointed by William Penn, Feb. 23, 1685, a member of his Council held at Philadelphia, commissioner of Kent and Sussex counties, 1685-86, was registrar general for the Provinces of Pennsylvania and Delaware at the time of his death, in 1686, and one of the signers of Penn's "*Actual Treaty* with the Indians in 1685 for the land of the present city of Philadelphia and the adjacent country out to the Susquehanna." Penn returned from New York the end of 1682. To this period belongs the "Great Treaty" which took place at Shakamaxon. Thomas Wescott, whose researches have exceeded perhaps any other, says there is no evidence that a "Treaty of Peace" or of purchase of lands ever was held under the great elm tree at Shakamaxon in 1682 by William Penn, and yet tradition is very positive on the subject. This pleasing transaction has been so fully engrafted on Pennsylvania history we hesitate to dispel it. The site of the elm tree is marked by a monument erected in 1827.

It is strange that for so important a matter as the Deed and Title to the lands which as Philadelphians and even as Pennsylvanians we occupy, we have no original treaty to show, but the fact is, as the records at Harrisburg show, that the *Actual Treaty* made for the lands, the present Phil-

adelphia and adjacent country out to the Susquehanna, was made in the year 1685 by Thomas Holme, as president of the Governor's Council, and was signed by William Frampton and seven other white men and eleven Indians. It is recorded in the Book of Charters and Indian Deed, Page 62, in the office of the secretary of State at Harrisburg.

The children of Joseph and Susanna (Price) Marr, all born at Upper Mount Bethel, Northampton Co., Pa., were: (1) Mary, born April 20, 1775, died Jan. 27, 1830. On Dec. 25, 1795, she married Robert Martin, lawyer, and they had four children, Jane, Susanna, Joseph Marr and James. Left no descendants. (2) Hannah, born April 20, 1776, died Feb. 24, 1857. (3) David, born March 14, 1779, died Feb. 14, 1819, unmarried. (4) William, born March 26, 1782, died Dec. 18, 1823. (5) Joseph died Oct. 5, 1804. (6) Alem.

Hannah Marr, daughter of Joseph, born April 20, 1776, died in Milton Feb. 24, 1857. On Jan. 12, 1797, she married William Hull, who was born in Sussex county, N. J., July 17, 1771, and settled in Turbut township, Northumberland Co., Pa., in 1792 or 1793. He died April 28, 1828, upon the homestead farm, which was a part of the original Marr farm. They were the parents of fourteen children, those who lived to maturity being: (1) David, born in 1806, died in 1886. He married Emily Rittenhouse and (second) Jane Welch, and had several sons. (2) Alem, born in 1808, died in 1842. He was drowned at the time of one of the big floods of the Susquehanna river. (3) William Price, born in 1813, died in 1876, unmarried. (4) Thomas Ryerson, born in 1815, died in 1886. (5) Sarah A., born in 1817, died in 1859. She married John H. Brown, and had children, Sarah, Emma and Frampton. (6) Hannah Maria, born in 1821, died in 1864. She married Robert M. Slater. No descendants.

Thomas Ryerson Hull, born in 1815, died in 1886. He read medicine and practiced his profession until his death in Milton. He married Elizabeth J. McCormick, and their children were: Margaret; Alem, a physician, living at Montgomery, Pa.; William, who married and has a family; Thomas; Elmer, a physician, living at Montgomery, Pa., who married Mary Weimer, of Lebanon, Pa., and has a family of three sons, Elmer, Alem and Weimer.

William Marr, fourth child of Joseph and Susanna Marr, married Mary Barber, and they had nine children, all born on the farm near Milton: Joseph, Phineas Barber, Susanna, Ann, James Barber, David Price, William H., Margaret and Alem Kennedy.

About 1826 William Marr erected the large stone mansion which is still standing on what was his portion of the estate. Later this became the prop-



city of Edmund H. Heaton, who married Janette Dales, one of his granddaughters, the youngest child of David P. Marr.

Mrs. Mary (Barber) Marr was descended from the Maxwells and Kennedys of Scotland. Her ancestor, Thomas Maxwell, was of the Kirkoonel line, which had its home in the valley of the Nith, Scotland. Her great-grandfather, John Maxwell, with his wife and four children came from County Tyrone, Ireland, to America in 1747. Their eldest son, William, became Brig. Gen. William Maxwell of the Continental Line on General Washington's staff. Jane Maxwell married James Kennedy and they were the grandparents of Mary Barber. Her father and mother were Phineas Barber (born about 1747, died July 24, 1812) and Ann Kennedy (born about 1762, died Aug. 5, 1834), who married in 1779. The Kennedys were very prominent in the civil and religious life of Scotland, and men of position and influence in this country.

Alem Marr, son of Joseph and Susanna (Price) Marr, inherited the portion of the land adjoining to, and also that on which Upper Milton is built, and lived in the stone house built by his father. He was a lawyer of prominence and served two terms as a member of the United States Congress. He married Margaret Hunter. Their children were: (1) Isabel married Edward Shippen Thompson, who was descended from Edward Shippen, first mayor of Philadelphia. (2) Joseph, unmarried, was a farmer. (3) William, a physician, married Anna L. Ross, and had four children, three sons and one daughter. One son, who is a physician, survives, and the daughter. (4) Charles became a physician. (5) Margaret W. (6) Augustus is deceased.

Joseph Marr, eldest child of William and Mary B. Marr, born March 14, 1806, entered Princeton Seminary in 1832, and was ordained by the Presbytery of Northumberland April 22, 1835. After forty years of service as a minister and teacher, becoming infirm, he was honorably retired, and died at the home of his daughter Harriet, wife of Gen. Irvin Gregg. He was married three times, his first wife being a Miss Smith, of Milton. His second marriage, in 1835, was to Harriet Candor, sister of Joseph Candor, of White Deer, Union Co., Pa., his third to Mrs. Catherine (Low) Van Slyke, of New York. The children of the first wife were: Catherine, born in 1825, who married David McCormick, lived in Harrisburg, and had children, Julia, Lizzie (married Mr. Phillips, of Philadelphia, had one child Catherine), Agnes (married and living in California), Nellie (deceased) and David (married and living in Harrisburg); John, who married and had a family; Joseph, who married and had two children; and William, unmarried. The second wife, Harriet (Candor) Marr, had one child, Harriet, who married Gen. Irvin Gregg, and had two sons, Irvin and Robert (Irvin

is married and has three sons). The children of the third wife of Joseph Marr, Mrs. Catherine (Low) Van Slyke Marr, were: (1) James married Katie Knight, of Philadelphia, Pa., and had children, James, Emily and Josephine. (2) M. Elizabeth married Frank Kellerman, of Kansas City, and had a large family. (3) J. Josephine married Julius Cornelius Donovan, of Philadelphia, Pa., and (second) Gustav A. Breau, of New Orleans. Both her husbands were members of the Legislature of their respective States. Colonel Breau was an officer in the Confederate service. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Cornelius Donovan had one child, Julia Cornelia, who was first married to Andrew Simonds, a banker of Charleston, S. C.; her second husband was also a banker, of Trenton, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Simonds had one child, a daughter. (4) Angeline married Harry Knight, of Philadelphia, Pa., and lived for many years in Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Knight died in Sedalia, Mo. They had four children, Joseph, Josephine, Horace and Harry.

Phineas Barber Marr, son of William and Mary (Barber) Marr, born Jan. 20, 1808, died Jan. 28, 1874. He was graduated at Jefferson College in 1830, and ordained to preach by the Presbytery of Northumberland county Nov. 13, 1834. He was stated supply at Williamsport, Pa., from 1833 to 1834; pastor at Lewisburg, Pa., 1834 to 1852. He was stated supply until his death, in 1874, at Lewisburg, Pa. He married Mary Graham, daughter of Alexander Graham and M. Margaret (Spyker), of Lewisburg, and they had eleven children: (1) Mary Jane married Dr. John E. Barber; no descendants. (2) William A., a graduate of Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, was a prominent attorney and judge at Ashland, Pa. He was unmarried. (3) Henry S., an attorney, married Caroline Gould; no descendants. (4) James H. graduated from the Lewisburg University in 1860, at Princeton College in 1862, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1865, and was ordained by the Presbytery of San Francisco, Cal., March 21, 1868. He was stated supply for five years; pastor at East Orange, 1870-78; pastor at Beacon Church, Philadelphia, Pa., 1881-93; died at Point Pleasant, N. J., June 1, 1895. He married Mary Graham, and they had two children, Mary (deceased) and Phineas. (5) Addison Graham, born Jan. 24, 1844, married Jan. 24, 1871, Margaret Winifred Sheriff, daughter of John W. Sheriff, of Lewiston. They had four children: William Price, born Dec. 31, 1871, attended the public schools of Shamokin, Pa., entered Lehigh University in September, 1889, and graduated in 1893; "Little Brother," born Sept. 5, 1875, died in 1876; Addison Graham, Jr., born June 5, 1877, attended public school in Shamokin, Pa., entered Princeton University in September, 1897, graduated in June, 1901; Phineas Barber, born Sept. 14, died



in 1880. (6) Margaret W. married Phineas M. Barber, lumber merchant and manufacturer and builder; no descendants. Mrs. Barber in carrying out the wishes of her husband built the "Barber Memorial Institute" at Anniston, Ala., for the education of colored girls of the South, at a cost of \$50,000. It was burned down, but was rebuilt by Mrs. Barber. (7) Helen married Joseph W. Crawford, lumber merchant and manufacturer; no family. (8) George Augustus graduated from Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, and the Theological Seminary of Princeton, was ordained for the ministry, and is living at Swarthmore, Pa. He married Helen Montgomery and they had three children, Montgomery (a mechanical engineer, a very bright and promising young man, of exceptionally fine character, who accidentally lost his life while testing some machinery), Helen, and a second son. (9) Caroline is deceased. (10) Henrietta married William Lister. (11) Walter is deceased.

Susanna Marr, daughter of William and Mary B. Marr, born Nov. 16, 1809, married Phineas Barber, of Fingal, Canada, July 1, 1834. They had five children: (1) Hannah married and is deceased; no descendants. (2) William. (3) John. (4) James. (5) David married twice, and had one daughter, Susanna.

Ann Marr, daughter of William and Mary B. Marr, born Dec. 1, 1811, died Jan. 20, 1874. She married Samuel Bowman, of Canada, and they had six children: (1) Josepha married Dr. James Gun, of Durham, Canada, Sept. 24, 1861. They had one daughter, Josepha Bowman, born June 29, 1862. Mrs. Gun died in July, 1862. (2) Albert. (3) James. (4) Jonas. (5) Henrietta married Feb. 13, 1878, N. A. Hughs, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

James Barber Marr, son of William and Mary B. Marr, born Feb. 26, 1814, died June 11, 1841. He read law in the office of James B. Linn, of Lewisburg, Pa., was admitted to the bar at that place, and became a member of the Clearfield county bar about 1839. He died a young man, leaving no family. His obituary was written by his friend William Bigler, afterward governor of the State.

David Price Marr, son of William Marr and grandson of Joseph Marr, was born Feb. 12, 1816, in the homestead near Milton, and died Sept. 2, 1864, aged forty-eight years. Though he died at a comparatively early age, he had made a signal success of his business life, his great industry, perseverance and good practical sense having won him notable standing among his fellow men. Possessed of fine executive ability, he was engaged in assisting to complete the system of internal improvements which had been so successfully commenced in his State. It would be difficult to mention another whose death was so generally felt and so sincerely lamented. In early life he was a farm-

er. Later he engaged extensively in railroad and bridge building for the Catawissa, Northern Central, Philadelphia & Erie and other roads. At the time of his death he was associated with his cousin, J. B. Moorhead, of Philadelphia, president of the Philadelphia & Erie Road, in carrying on railroad construction in the State of New York. He was also interested in manufacturing, having built and owned the White Deer Woolen Mills, later taking Benjamin Griffey in as a partner. After his death this property was bought by Ario Pardee, of Hazleton; the mills were destroyed by fire in 1878. The Presbyterian church in Milton which was destroyed in the great fire, which occurred May 14, 1880, was built by him. His industries were many and varied.

On Dec. 17, 1839, David Price Marr married his first wife, Hetty L. Davis, who was born in 1814 and died July 2, 1848. He married Jan. 22, 1850, (second) Harriet J. Matchin, born Sept. 11, 1820, daughter of Joseph and Janette (Hiatt) Matchin, of London, England, died March 30, 1896. The children of David Price and Hetty L. Marr were: (1) Anna Eliza, born Oct. 30, 1840, married Sept. 24, 1861, John A. Grier, who was born at Brandywine Manor, Chester Co., Pa., Jan. 9, 1834, and died at Chicago, Ill., Nov. 18, 1902. Mr. Grier was a member of the first class in the University at Lewisburg. He received his commission as chief engineer, U. S. Navy, from Abraham Lincoln, remaining in the service for ten years, and taking part in many of the naval battles in the Gulf and on the Atlantic coast. He also took part in the first attempt to lay the first Atlantic cable in 1857, between England and America. In later years he was engaged in manufacturing and different lines of electrical work. Mr. Grier was a member of the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, and a companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Mr. and Mrs. Grier had children: Margaret Graham, Thomas Graham, and Edward Robie. Of these, Thomas Graham, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in mechanical and electrical engineering, is now in business in Chicago. Edward Robie, born at Mount Joy, Lancaster Co., Pa., is sales manager and vice president of the Arrow Electric Company, of Hartford, Conn., where he now lives. He married April 16, 1895, Lucy Parthenia Bosworth, of Lee, Mass., and their son, Edward Bosworth Grier, was born Dec. 9, 1897, at Chicago, Ill. (2) William Price, second child of David Price and Hetty L. Marr, born Nov. 20, 1842, died Aug. 30, 1850. (3) Mary Helen, third child, born Nov. 9, 1844, married June 6, 1864, Col. John McCleery, a prominent attorney of Milton, and a leading member of the Northumberland county bar. He was a son of Dr. William McCleery, born in Milton April 8, 1837, was educated at the old Milton Academy and at the Tuscarora Academy, and graduated



from Princeton in the class of 1858. Studying law with his uncle, ex-Governor Pollock, he was admitted to the bar just before the breaking out of the Civil war. He did not hesitate to subordinate his personal interests to the needs of his country. The beginning of June, 1861, found him at Harrisburg, as captain of Company H, 34th Pennsylvania Reserves. Twice he was severely wounded and June 30, 1862, fell into the hands of the enemy, and for a brief period was an inmate of Libby prison. He became lieutenant colonel of the 28th Pennsylvania Militia, but disability from his wounds made it necessary for him to retire from the army. Resuming the practice of law, he also interested himself in local business enterprises, being one of the founders of the Milton Car Works, in 1864, and later of the Milton Iron Works. He was president of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, which he had helped to establish. He was finally compelled by physical suffering to withdraw from all business and professional activities. As a soldier he measured up to a rare standard of efficiency. In private life he was an educated, cultured gentleman. For a number of years, he was a companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. The children of John and Mary Helen (Marr) McCleery were: Edward Heber, a graduate of Princeton University, 1888, who read medicine with his uncle, Dr. James P. McCleery, graduated from Jefferson Medical College, and is engaged in the practice of his profession in Kane, Pa.; and Margaret Pollock, who married Hasell Wilson Baldwin, of Pittsburg, son of William A. Baldwin, formerly general superintendent of the P. & E. and Northern Central Railway (Mary Shaw is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin). (4) Rebecca L., fourth child of David and Hetty L. Marr, born Feb. 11, 1847, died Aug. 4, 1850.

The children of David Price and Harriet J. (Matchin) Marr were: (1) William Price was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad, while crossing the track near his home. He was in his nineteenth year, and a student in his sophomore year at Princeton College, New Jersey. (2) Alem K. married Jan. 16, 1878, Ella L. Schofield, of Addison, N. Y., and lives in Prince George county, Md. (3) David Brainard lives in Prince George county, Md. The property on which he lives is a part of the estate that belonged originally to Lord Baltimore (the Calverts) and is called Mount Calvert. (4) Alfred Hiatt, who lives at Eagles Mere, is married and has two children, David and Harriet. (5) Janette Dales married Edmund Hunter Heaton, of Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 14, 1885, and resides in Milton. Their children: Harriet Marr (died in infancy), Mary and Emily. Mr. Heaton was born April 18, 1851, at Tamaqua, Pa., son of the late Reuben A. and Mary Heaton, the former of whom was a pioneer coal operator of the Schuylkill region, in which he became one of

the most prominent. When a young man Mr. Heaton removed with his parents to Ashland. He attended Canandaigua Academy, graduated from college as a mining engineer, and resided in Philadelphia from 1870 to 1873, when he engaged in coal operations at Raven Run, Schuylkill Co., Pa., being thus interested until 1885. He was associated with his brothers in the coal mining business in that county. From the time he took up his residence in Milton he took an active interest in the business development of the vicinity, and always displayed rare executive ability and sterling character, proving himself a most capable man in every respect and becoming one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the borough. He was a charter member of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, served as a director from the time of its incorporation until his death, and from 1901 to 1908 was president, retiring because of declining health. He succeeded his brother-in-law, John McCleery, in that position. He was president of the Pleasant Valley Cream Company, which under his management became one of the best in the State, and was interested in other corporations, always a leader in any movement designed to advance the interests of Milton. He died at his home on North Front and First streets, Milton, July 24, 1911, aged sixty years, and was interred in the Milton cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Heaton resided at "Maple Bank," the Marr homestead (which he bought from the heirs), from 1887 until a few years ago, when they purchased the fine property which has since been the family home.

Mrs. Harriet J. (Matchin) Marr's parents came to this country with the Priestleys in 1811 and lived in Northumberland, Pa. Her aunt, Maria Hiatt, married James Hepburn, afterward Judge Hepburn of Philadelphia, a brother of Samuel Hepburn, of Milton. Her maternal grandfather was Captain Hiatt, of the English navy.

William H. Marr, son of William and Mary B. Marr, born July 25, 1818, died May 24, 1894. He received his early education at the old Milton Academy, with James Pollock and Andrew Curtin (future governors of Pennsylvania), and later entered and graduated from Lafayette College. By profession he was a physician. When the Civil war broke out he entered the Union army as a surgeon. He also was interested in other lines and financially was very successful. He married Eliza Davis Baldwin, daughter of William and Mary Shaw Davis, of Limestoneville, Pa., and they had six children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: (3) Mary Frances. (4) Alem died young. (5) James married Sarah Eyre, of Lewisburg, and had five children, Mary Frances, Helen, Edith, Carlton and William. James Marr is a farmer of Prince George county, Md. His winter home is in Washington, D. C. (6) Frank S. married Eliz-



abeth Buckingham, of Lewisburg, Pa., and they have children, Winifred and Judith. Frank S. Marr is a graduate of Bucknell University, was admitted to the bar and practiced law in Sunbury, Pa.; later formed an electric construction company, and has continued in different lines of electrical work, with headquarters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Margaret Marr, daughter of William and Mary B. Marr, born July 15, 1820, married Dr. John McCollum, of Tiffin City, Ohio. Both are deceased. They had two sons, of whom one died young. Leon married, but had no children. By profession he is a physician.

Alem Kennedy Marr, youngest child of William and Mary B. Marr, born June 15, 1823, died Sept. 19, 1847. He was reading medicine with his brother, Dr. William H. Marr, at the time of his death, at Washingtonville, Pa. He died suddenly, of a congestive chill, cutting short a life that promised much.

History of the land bought by Joseph Marr from Turbut Francis.—The localities of the Indian tribes prior to William Penn's arrival (Oct. 24, 1682) have been identified as follows. The Six Nations occupied the territory north of the sources of the Susquehanna and the Delaware rivers. Land was purchased from them in 1754 and the New Purchase advertised by the land office Feb. 23, 1769. In 1764 officers who served under Colonel Bouquet made an agreement in writing with each other that they would apply to the Proprietors (the Penns) for a tract of land for their services, to be divided among themselves. One Col. Turbut Francis's tract was 2, 775 acres, surveyed to him in one tract, adjoining the tract bought by him in Montour, embracing what is called Turbut township. It was called the "Colonel's Reward." Joseph Marr bought part of this land from the widow of Turbut Francis in 1792.

BENJAMIN APPLE, editor and proprietor of the *Sunbury Daily Item*, and of *The Sunbury American*, a weekly paper, and present postmaster of Sunbury, has been engaged in the newspaper business since 1904, previous to which time he had for a number of years been prominently identified with the educational interests of the community.

Mr. Apple was born June 28, 1868, one mile west of Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa., son of Benjamin and Martha (Graybill) Apple, and grandson of George Apple and of Rev. Christian Graybill. His paternal ancestors in this region came from Montgomery county. He was the youngest child and only son of his parents, who had also three daughters. Mr. Apple was only a year old when his father died. Living and working upon the farm in his boyhood and early youth, he was thrown upon his own resources at the age of four-

teen years, and earned the money necessary to continue his education besides supporting himself. He attended the country public schools up to that age, and then entered Freeburg Academy, from which he was graduated in 1884. For four years he taught public school at Freeburg; graduated from the State Normal school at Bloomsburg in 1889 and was elected assistant principal of the East Sunbury public schools, the duties of which position he assumed in the fall of that year. In 1894 he was elected principal of the East Sunbury schools, in which capacity he served two years. Upon the consolidation of the boroughs of Sunbury and East Sunbury, in 1896, he was promoted to the Central high school, where he had charge of the mathematical department until the spring of 1899, when he was elected to the office of county superintendent of schools for Northumberland county. When reelected to that position, in 1902, he received a flattering support, only seven votes being polled against him.

Mr. Apple began his career as a newspaper man in 1904, when he purchased the *Sunbury Daily Item* and *American*, which he has since continued to publish, as editor and proprietor. The plant is located at No. 42 South Second street, Sunbury. The printing department also makes a specialty of high grade job work. The manner in which Mr. Apple entered upon his new line fully demonstrated his ability. Under his management the *Daily Item* has become one of the leading newspapers in this section of the State, and the circulation has more than doubled. During the same time it has grown from a seven-column, four-page paper to an eight-page issue, and the advertising business has kept pace with modern ideas in that line, the patronage which the paper receives from business people showing conclusively its standing in conservative but progressive circles. As an editor, Mr. Apple deserves the prestige he enjoys, being influential and trusted by the best element in the community. During the year 1910 he was appointed supervisor of the census of the Sixteenth Congressional district of Pennsylvania, comprising the counties of Northumberland, Sullivan, Montour and Columbia. On April 13, 1911, he was appointed postmaster of Sunbury for a period of four years.

On June 2, 1892, Mr. Apple married Lillie E. Moyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George K. Moyer, and they have one son, John. Mr. Apple is a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Sunbury, of which he has been a deacon for fifteen years.

P. H. FUHRMANN was born at Frankenthal, Rhenish Bavaria, June 16, 1863. He received his early education in the public schools in his native town and afterward graduated with honors from a Real-gymnasium. He then held a responsible position with Klein, Schanzlin & Becker, proprietors



of one of the largest German machine factories, who designed and constructed the then most modern sugar refineries, chemical factories and breweries in Europe. He became private secretary to the general manager, which position enabled him to gain a thorough business education and acquire an excellent knowledge of machinery, and it was but natural that soon after arriving in America he found a position where he could make use of his executive and technical abilities. In 1883 he accepted a position as assistant manager with Charles D. Kaier, of Mahanoy City, brewer and rectifier, whose business he increased in a few years to enormous proportions, when he was advanced to the position of general manager, and as such built the present large brewing and rectifying plant. As a reward in 1891 he was made a partner of the Charles D. Kaier Company.

Looking for a field to satisfy his ambition of building up a large business of which he could own the controlling interest himself, he dissolved his connections with the Kaier Company in the year 1895, and bought from Martin Markle a small frame brewery in Coal township (on the outskirts of Shamokin), with an annual output of about eight thousand barrels. While he was trying hard to establish a trade, and devoting all his time to that purpose, both building and refrigerating machines of the old plant collapsed during the first summer, a calamity which ordinarily would have meant ruin, especially at that particular time of the year. But not so in this case. On the contrary, having been used to hard knocks and bumps all his lifetime, Mr. Fuhrmann was equal to the situation, and by clever management not only kept the plant going, even if badly crippled, but built a complete new brewery around the old one and within one year from the time he first took hold of the plant had erected a modern brewery and also acquired trade enough to keep it going to its full capacity. This has been kept up ever since, with a steady increase, so that the brewery to-day is one of the best equipped in the whole country and has an annual output of fifty thousand barrels.

In 1896 Mr. Max Schmidt became a partner with Mr. Fuhrmann in the firm of Fuhrmann & Schmidt, which in 1906 was incorporated under the style of The Fuhrmann & Schmidt Brewing Company, of which Mr. Fuhrmann is president. The brewery enjoys the reputation of having a pure, wholesome product, the quality of which cannot be excelled by any brewery in the country, a fact which is recognized by the people of Shamokin and immediate vicinity, as well as by the great number of travelers and societies visiting Shamokin on many occasions, and especially during the many conventions through which Shamokin has gained an enviable reputation all over the State for her hospitality.

On June 3, 1896, Mr. Fuhrmann was married

to Caroline B. Hahn, of Philadelphia, and to them was born a son Harry, on Oct. 3, 1897, and a daughter Mary Anna, on Feb. 2, 1911. Mr. Fuhrmann is a member of the Cresco Club, the Motor Club, the Order of Elks and the Order of Eagles.

CAREY E. BURNS, at present serving as one of the auditors of Northumberland county, is a native-born citizen of Lower Augusta township. He is a son of John Burns and grandson of Peter Burns.

The Burns family is of Scotch-Irish descent. Peter Burns was born March 8, 1786, and came in an early day to Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, where he became a prosperous farmer. He died April 27, 1849, and is buried with his wife, Elizabeth (Oxenreider), at the Augusta Baptist Church in Lower Augusta township. She hailed from Berks county, and was a typical German woman, so that the Burns family unites the qualities of the two races that have made Pennsylvania especially famous. She was born in 1789, and died Dec. 13, 1856. Among the children of this couple were: Peter, who settled out West; Christian, who lived at Winfield, Pa.; Leah, Mrs. Campbell; Mary, Mrs. Jacob Frederick; and Susan, Mrs. Behler.

John Burns, son of Peter, was born in 1810 in Lower Augusta township, and farmed on the place in Hollowing Run still occupied by his widow, Mary, and son Carey E. Burns. He died there Aug. 27, 1879, and is buried at the Augusta Baptist Church. By his first marriage he had the following family: Sarah, Mrs. Daniel Kauffman; Silas, of Shamokin, Pa.; Andrew J., who lived and died in Lower Augusta township, passing away Nov. 4, 1875, aged thirty-five years, two months, sixteen days; Malinda, who died unmarried; Dennis, who died in Lower Augusta when twenty years old; Elizabeth, who married William Leffler and (second) Jacob McKeloy; Horatio, who died young; and another, whose name is not recalled. John Burns married for his second wife Mary Leffler, who was born June 7, 1828, daughter of William Leffler, and who is now living with her son Carey, tenderly cared for by him and his wife. Though past eighty she is well preserved. Nine children were born to the second marriage: Malinda, who died young; Horatio, who died young; Alfred, of Idaho; Ellis, of Nebraska; Mary, who married James A. Barrett, who died in 1898 and is buried at Selinsgrove, Pa.; Erwin, who died young; Harvey, of Kansas; Carey E.; and Frank, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Carey E. Burns was born Feb. 5, 1868, on the Burns homestead in Hollowing Run which he still occupies. He received an excellent education in the public schools of the township, and in the summer of 1893 was licensed to teach public school,

his paper being signed by Prof. W. E. Bloom, then county superintendent of schools. Mr. Burns was trained to farm work from early boyhood, and at an early age took charge of the farm for his mother, his father having died when he was a boy of eleven. This property of 110 acres is well located in the Hollowing Run in Lower Augusta township, and was at one time a Shipe homestead, as was also the adjacent tract. It is a valuable farm, and has been well kept up under the management of the present occupant.

Mr. Burns has been active in the work of the Republican party in Northumberland county ever since he attained his majority, served as committeeman of his district for a number of years, has been delegate to a number of county conventions, and has done excellent work for the organization in every capacity. He served three years as auditor of his township, and in the fall of 1908 was elected county auditor, a position he is filling with the efficiency his constituents expected of him. He is a man of high personal standing, enjoying the confidence of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

On Feb. 11, 1897, Mr. Burns married Jessie E. Snyder, daughter of the late Silas R. Snyder, who married Lydia Shipman. Mr. and Mrs. Burns have no children. He is a member of the Augusta Baptist Church, which he is at present serving as deacon, and is also superintendent of the Sunday school, a position he has held for some years.

FRANK M. REBER, attorney of Milton, Northumberland county, is a native of that borough, born Nov. 21, 1867. He is a son of William H. Reber, grandson of John Reber, and great-grandson of John Reber, who married Magdalena Rathmach.

The Reber family is one of the very old families of Berks county, Pa., and on account of its prominence, and because of its numbers and wide distribution, some of its members have taken a justifiable pride in looking up its early records. A well known citizen of Reading and a member of this family, Morris B. Reber, a prominent real estate dealer of that city, has with careful research compiled a volume which bears the title "Genealogy of the Reber Family, descended from Johan Bernhard Reber, 1738." From this interesting work we quote as follows:

"The idea of preparing a genealogy of the Reber family was probably suggested by the finding of the original passport of Johannes Reber, still preserved, who was, for a long time, believed to be the first one of the large family of Rebers who emigrated to this country. This passport shows that he came from Langenselbold, Germany, which is situated in Kreis Hanau, Regierungsbezirk Cassel, Koenigreich Prussia. While visiting in that part

of the country, in 1882, Mr. James T. Reber, of Reading, Pa., found recorded in the old church book of the Evangelical Church (Rev. Frederick Hufnagle, pastor) the names of four brothers, (1) Johan Bernhard, (2) Hans, (3) Johan Conrad and (4) Michael Reber.

"This church book dates back to the year 1563, so that it might be possible to obtain the ancestors of these four brothers since the sixteenth century. However, we have been satisfied to make a record only from the earliest emigrant to this country.

"(1) Johan Bernhard Reber, the first of these brothers, is recorded in this same book as having one son, (5) Johannes, who was married Feb. 8, 1736, to Johanna Magdalena, daughter of Conrad Hahn. From this union two sons were born: (6) Johannes, Dec. 16, 1736, and (7) Ludwig Friedrich August, Sept. 11, 1740.

"The Pennsylvania archives, containing the names of 30,000 early emigrants, mention the arrival of John Bernhart Reber, from Rotterdam, Holland, on the snow Two Sisters, landing in Philadelphia and qualifying Sept. 9, 1738, by swearing allegiance to Great Britain. We can learn of nothing pertaining to his whereabouts or life after his arrival in this country. The passport, however, of the son is still intact. * * *

"(5) Johannes Reber, whose date of birth is unknown, was married Feb. 8, 1736, to Johanna Magdalena Hahn. They had two sons born in Germany, Johannes and Ludwig Friedrich August. According to his passport, he left his native country for America April 23, 1742, bringing his family with him, although it is known that the second son, Ludwig, died on board the ship. Being a member of William Penn's colony, his first object was to find a desirable location. Having selected some acres of land about six miles west of Reading, in Lower Heidelberg township, at the big bend of the Tulpehocken, in a beautiful though isolated valley known afterward as the Blue Marsh, he moved thither with his wife and son, built himself a home which served the double purpose of shelter and protection against the Indians and wild animals, his only neighbors. This quaint old building, with its large, square fireplace in the center, is still standing on the farm occupied by Mr. Henry Shafer, Reading, Pa.

"We find recorded in the Pennsylvania archives, that John Reber was naturalized May 13, 1768, and also that he, like many others of the early settlers, was concerned in numerous disputes regarding the rights of ownership of their land. During the time that he resided in this locality, he was blessed with an increase to his family of three sons, who were named Thomas, Valentine and Peter."

John or Johannes Reber, mentioned above, eldest son of Johan who emigrated in 1742, continued to live in Pennsylvania after his father's death.

He was twice married and had six children. The other brothers, Peter and Valentine, went West to Ohio, in search of homes, where numbers of their descendants may be found—at Lancaster, Ohio. The remaining brother, Thomas Reber, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1746, was married to Elizabeth Kerschner, born Nov. 1, 1747, died Dec. 22, 1823, and he left ten children.

John Reber, the grandfather of Frank M. Reber, married Catharine Minnich and was a farmer in Heidelberg township, Berks county, where he died in 1834. He is buried at Baum's Church. To him and his wife were born two sons, John and William H. Of these, John died May 5, 1909, in Reading; he married Hettie Stoudt and they were the parents of two children, Mary and Sarah (wife of H. Hoffner).

William H. Reber, son of John and Catharine (Minnich) Reber, was born Jan. 15, 1832, in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., and learned tanning in his native county, serving his apprenticeship to that trade with Benjamin Klein, at Rehrersburg. In 1864 he came to Milton, and purchased from Samuel Brown the tannery originally established by John Armstrong, in 1795. It was burned in 1867 and Mr. Reber rebuilt it. In the great fire of May 14, 1880, it was again destroyed by fire, and again rebuilt by Mr. Reber, and under his management it became one of the important industries of Milton. During his active years Mr. Reber was a well known business man of his section of Northumberland county, and he prospered in his calling by industrious and honorable devotion to his work.

On Feb. 5, 1853, Mr. Reber was married, at Stouchsburg, by Rev. Thomas Leinbach, Sr., to Hannah Gasser, daughter of John and Barbara Maria Magdeline Gasser, of Berks county. They had a family of six children: William M., who is a farmer in Michigan; Sophia, who married Austin C. Derr; John M., Attorney at Law, who died in April, 1908; James M., a tanner; Frank M.; and Hannah E., married to Edward W. Moore. Mr. Reber died April 23, 1910. He was a devout member of the Reformed Church.

Frank M. Reber received his early education in the public schools of Milton, graduating from the high school, after which he entered Lafayette College, from which institution he was graduated in 1890. For two years he was principal of the Pottsgrove Academy, meanwhile registering as a law student with James Scarlet, of Danville, Pa. In 1895 he was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county, and later was admitted to the Montour county bar. In 1895 he opened his law office in Milton, and began the practice of his profession, which he has ever since continued, in connection therewith engaging in the real estate business, which forms an important part of his work. In 1908, in connection with William N.

Watson, he organized the Milton Realty Company, of which he has since been secretary and treasurer. This company has become an important factor in the material development of Milton. Its most important operation was the erection on the corner of Broadway and Front Street of a large three-story business block. Mr. Reber is a deservedly successful young man. He has made his way to the front under difficulties of various kinds, and the standing and prosperity he enjoys at present, in both professional and business circles, are due entirely to his own efforts and persistent work.

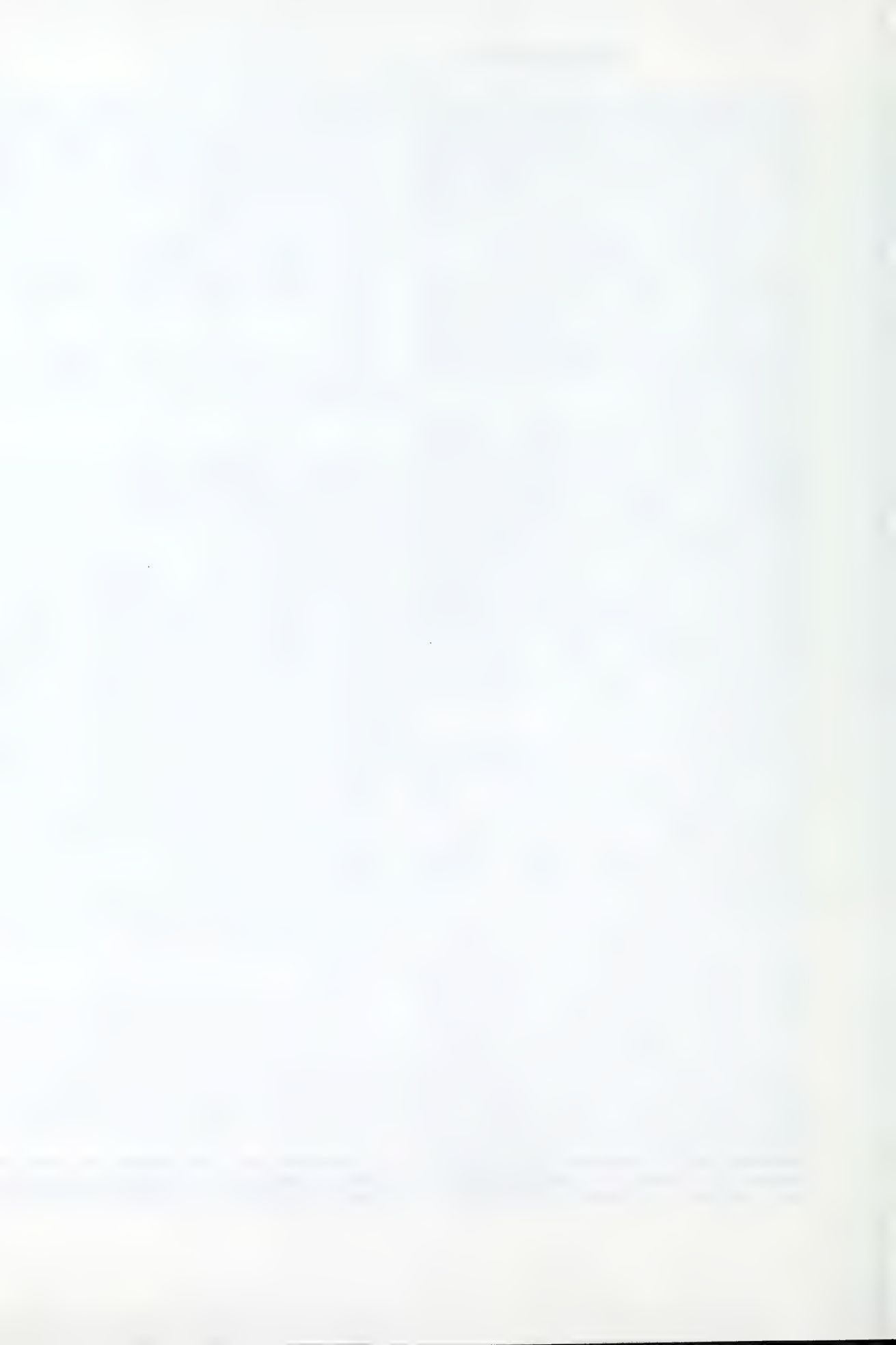
Mr. Reber is a member of the Milton Lodge of Elks, No. 913, Ancient and Independent Order Knights of Malta, and of the Knights of the Mystic Chain. He is a member of the Reformed Church at Milton.

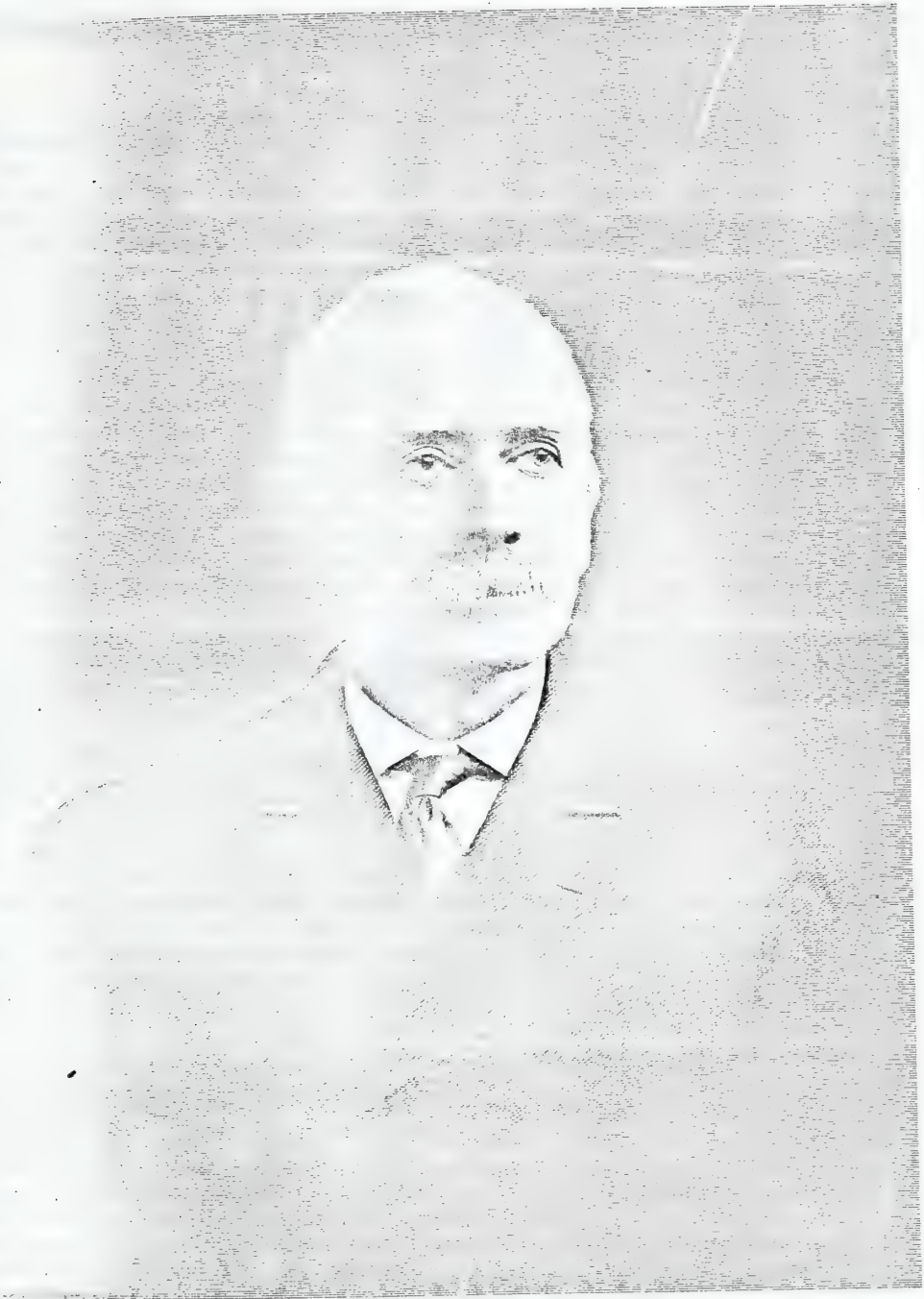
GEORGE MARSHALL, director of the Shamokin Banking Company, treasurer of the Shamokin Cemetery Company, contractor and builder, a man highly esteemed in public and private life, died at his home in Shamokin Dec. 2, 1906, aged fifty-nine years.

Mr. Marshall was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 23, 1847, son of George W. and Esther G. (Bowen) Marshall, who later became residents of Shamokin. He grew to manhood in his native town, and acquired his education in the public schools, remaining in Ohio until March, 1866, when he came to Shamokin, his uncle, the late William H. Marshall, persuading him of the superior advantages of this town. With Thomas M. Helm as a partner, he engaged in the flour and feed business for six years. At the end of that time he sold out to Mr. Helm and went into the planing mill and lumber trade, which he conducted until May, 1890, when he disposed of his interest. While in this business he was also engaged as a contractor and builder, erecting many of the best buildings of the town, including the Presbyterian church and chapel, hotel Vanderbilt, Boston block, and the Oram and Helm block. He was greatly interested in real estate, and was deeply concerned in the improvements made in his adopted town. He erected his own home in 1885. For about fifteen years before his death he lived retired.

On the death of his uncle, in 1878, Mr. Marshall was chosen to succeed him as treasurer of the Shamokin Cemetery Company, an office he filled as long as he lived. He was a director of the Shamokin Banking Company. In politics he was a Republican, and twice served as a member of the borough council. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and served as a trustee many years.

In September, 1875, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage to Maggie Fulton, daughter of Alexander Fulton, of Shamokin. She died in January, 1878,





George Marshall



the mother of two children, William H. and Ann Farr, both now deceased. On June 11, 1885, Mr. Marshall married (second) Elizabeth N. Fulton, sister to his first wife. Four children blessed this union, namely: Elizabeth F.; George W. and Alexander F., both students at Lafayette College, and John N.

SAMUEL HIGH, a business man of the borough of Watsonstown, engaged in the coal, grain and feed trade, has been connected with his present establishment since 1888 and was manager of same some time before he became proprietor. He was born at Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., Oct. 22, 1865, son of Aaron C. High and grandson of Samuel High, and is a member of an old settled family of Pennsylvania, the Highs or Hochs having long been identified with this Commonwealth.

Early in 1717 Rudolph and Melchior Hoch, Moravians, left their home in Switzerland for America on account of religious persecution. Tradition says they were without much money when they landed. These two were the ancestors of all of the name in Berks county and surrounding territory. The first spelling of the name was Hoy, the final "h" being added later; some members of the family preferred the form High to Hoch, and as early as 1744 Samuel, a grandson of Rudolph, spelled his name High. After wandering about for some time, Rudolph Hoch settled near what is now Pottsgrove, Montgomery Co., Pa., while Melchior settled in Bucks county, same State, all of the Hochs or Highs now in Bucks county being descended from his two sons, Philip and Jacob. In 1725 Rudolph Hoch removed from near Pottsgrove, then called Swedeland, to Oley, and became the owner of a farm of 300 acres two miles northeast of Friedensburg, the land being still in the possession of the Hochs. In 1728 he laid out a burial place, about eighty feet square, and here he and seven generations are buried. Several interesting relics of the two emigrants are preserved by the family. The large German Bible is owned by Gideon A. D. Hoch. Books brought from over the sea are still at the Hoch farm, the elder Hochs making this provision in their wills. There is also a very ornamental, small, open-faced watch, which though 266 years old is in excellent condition and keeps perfect time. Philip D. Hoch has a piece of petrified wood brought over by Rudolph Hoch, and used as a whetstone, one of its principal uses being to sharpen razors. Rudolph Hoch was married when he came to America, and his son John was born in Switzerland. His wife died in 1728, and was the first to be buried in the family cemetery. He died in 1748. His sons numbered five, among them being John and Samuel.

In Prof. Daniel Rupp's "History of Berks

County," published in 1844, is a letter written by Maria De Turck (born Hochen), of Oley township, which bears date May 14, 1718. It was addressed to her brother, sisters and friends in her native country, and it reflects her profound piety.

John Hoch, son of Rudolph, established the family homestead, purchasing it from William Ranberry. He was the father of eleven children:

(1) Deborah was born in 1721. (2) Samuel, born in 1723, moved to Poplar Neck. He married a daughter of Jonathan Herbein, of Oley, and they had three sons and one daughter, two of the sons dying quite young. The surviving son, Isaac, born July 3, 1753, died May 18, 1795. He had a son William, who was born in 1786 and died in 1851. (3) Rudolph, born in 1725, lived in Maiden-creek, where he reared six sons—John, Daniel, Jacob, Isaac, Abraham and Samuel—and four daughters. (4) Daniel, born in 1728, had nine sons—Samuel, Jacob, John, Daniel, Abraham, Isaac, David, Joseph and Philip—and four daughters. (5) Maria and (6) Magdalena, twins, were born in 1730. (7) John, born in 1733, married Susanna Levan, had one daughter, and died in 1763. (8) Susan was born in 1735. (9) Jacob, born in 1738, married (first) Miss Weiser and (second) Miss Fisher, and had five sons—David, Abraham, Solomon, William and Daniel—and three daughters, all born and reared in Maiden-creek. (10) Esther was born in 1742. (11) Abraham, born in 1745, married Susanna Weiser, and lived on the old Hoch farm, where one son, Abraham, and two daughters were born.

Samuel High, grandfather of Samuel High of Watsonstown, was born Sept. 12, 1789, in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., and soon after his marriage moved to Union county, Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a substantial farmer, owning a large farm in White Deer township, where he died Oct. 18, 1880. His wife, Catharine Pott, of Pottsville, born about 1800, died Aug. 24, 1879, and they are buried in the old Clapp (Klopp) graveyard in White Deer township. Mr. and Mrs. High were Methodists in religious connection. They had a large family, as follows: Judith Ann, born Jan. 6, 1815, married Daniel Ruthrauff, who died Nov. 3, 1876, aged sixty-three years, five months, four days, she dying Nov. 21, 1902 (two sons and one daughter of this couple live in East Sunbury); Mary, born in 1816, died in 1824; Priscilla, born Nov. 22, 1818, died Jan. 30, 1899; Aaron C. is mentioned below; Jacob, born in 1823, died in 1854; Benjamin F., born Jan. 18, 1827, died July 21, 1850; Rebecca C., born March 11, 1829, died Feb. 25, 1838; Samuel B., born Dec. 29, 1831, lives at Millersburg, Pa.; Cordelia, born in 1834, died in 1838; Sarah M., born March 29, 1837, married



Alex. Donauchy, who died July 25, 1871, and she now lives at Williamsport, Pa.; Eliza J., born Sept. 1, 1835, died Dec. 8, 1898.

Aaron C. High was born June 22, 1821, in Union county, Pa., and died May 18, 1894, at White Deer; he is buried at Watsonstown, Northumberland county. Mr. High was a farmer by occupation, and at the time of his death owned a small farm. He was an earnest Christian man, a member of the German Reformed Church and always active in the life of the church and Sunday school, serving as superintendent of the Franklin Union Sabbath school for about twenty-five years. He was twice married, his first wife's maiden name being Rauck, and his second was Susan Lesh, of Clinton county, Pa., who died in June, 1899, and is buried at Watsonstown. His family consisted of seven children, as follows: William H. is a business man of Dalmatia, Northumberland Co., Pa.; Mills S. is mentioned below; Grant B., who is an invalid, lives at White Deer, Pa.; Samuel is mentioned below; Cora C. died unmarried at the age of twenty-one years, of typhoid fever, while visiting in Philadelphia; Delilah B. married W. W. Curry and they live in Williamsport, Pa.; Ario P., an engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, lives at West Milton.

MILLS S. HIGH was born Oct. 19, 1860, in White Deer, Union Co., Pa., and was five years old when he moved with his parents to Muncy, Pa., where the family resided until 1873. He was there employed in the dairy business, and after returning to White Deer worked on a farm for five years, coming to Watsonstown in 1878. Here he took up the trade of tinner with E. B. Hogue, serving an apprenticeship of three years, after which he continued with Mr. Hogue until the latter sold out to Kirk & Shannon, for which firm he worked until 1887, in which year he purchased Mr. Kirk's interest in the business, the name becoming Shannon & High. The business is still conducted under this ownership, and they do a general business as tanners and hardware and stove merchants, having a prosperous establishment, well patronized by the residents of Watsonstown and the surrounding country. Their honorable methods and obliging ways have won and retained a large patronage. Mr. High is well known as a member of Watsonstown Lodge, No. 619, I. O. O. F., and of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection, and he was one of the most popular members of the old Hope Hose Company, being particularly well liked among the young people of the town and community.

In April, 1893, Mr. High married Jennie Peterman, daughter of the late Peter Peterman. One child has been born to this union, Edwin Burke.

Samuel High received his education in the schools of the home locality in Union county, and was reared on the farm. For several years he as-

sisted his brother in the tinning and stove business at Watsonstown. In 1888 he became an employee of W. A. Leiser, at that time the owner of the grain, coal and feed business with which he has since been associated, remaining in his employ continuously for a period of fifteen years, and then became manager of the business, which he has conducted successfully ever since, being now proprietor. The concern has prospered, being one of the profitable business houses in the town. He has become the owner of some real estate in the borough, and is deeply interested in the general welfare of the community, which he has served particularly well as overseer of the poor, to which office he was first elected in 1900, and which he has held continuously since, having been reelected five successive times. He himself votes independently, and he has been a candidate on more than one party ticket. Under his administration the poor tax of the borough has been considerably reduced, and a borough poorhouse was built—an action favored by the best class of citizens in the community.

On Oct. 23, 1890, Mr. High married Ada Carroll, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Dizany) Carroll, of West Fairview, Cumberland Co., Pa., and they have had two children, Clyde C. (who is an electrician) and Zenna S. Mr. High and his family, are members of the Methodist Church at Watsonstown, and he has served some years in the office of steward. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F. (Watsonstown Lodge, No. 619, and the Encampment) and the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection.

HEINEN. The members of this family have been active in the business development of the borough of Milton for so many years and so successful in financial circles that many of the most important interests of the place owe their inception and prosperity to the foresight and good management of the Heinen. At the present day William A. Heinen, vice president of the Milton Manufacturing Company, and director of a number of other companies which have been factors in the advancement of Milton, is one of the leading business men of the borough.

Dr. Henry Heinen, the grandfather of William A. Heinen, was a native of Germany, born in 1780, and emigrated to America when a young man, settling in York county, Pa. About 1825 he moved to Milton, Northumberland county, where he followed his profession until his death. He married Elizabeth Etzler, who was born Sept. 15, 1784, and they became the parents of five children: Maria E.; Lucetta; William; Sarah; and Henry W., born in 1825, and died in 1854.

William Heinen, son of Dr. Henry, born May 3, 1817, received the greater part of his education in the Milton Academy, under Rev. David Kirk-



patrick. He started his eventful business life as a clerk, and served an extended apprenticeship, though he commenced business for himself at a comparatively early age, in 1835 entering into partnership with Jesse Schreyer, under the firm name of Schreyer & Heinen. This association lasted for some time, and his next was with his brother Henry W., under the firm name of Heinen & Bro. After that he entered into partnership with Messrs. Roush & Etzler, under the name of Heinen, Etzler & Roush. Following this connection he was with his son Henry and Wm. G. Anspact, as Heinen, Son & Co., later selling out his interest in their business, in 1879. After that the business was continued under the name of Heinen, Schreyer & Co., by Mr. Heinen's sons, W. A. Schreyer and Simon P. Brown.

Coming to Milton when the town was still a village, there was little connected with its growth in which William Heinen did not have an active part. He was one of the organizers of the Milton National Bank and one of its directors for many years.

On April 1, 1863, Samuel Hepburn and wife conveyed to William C. Lawson, William Heinen and Edward W. Chapin his farm containing eighty-three acres and 112 perches, situated just east of what was then the borough of Milton and south of Broadway. This land was first opened for building purposes by the laying out of what is now known as Centre street. Mr. Chapin took part of the land on the south side of Centre street for his share in the property, and conveyed his interest in the balance to Messrs. Heinen and Lawson. Mr. Chapin subsequently laid his part of the land out in town lots. Messrs. Lewis H. Funk, Reuben Etzler and William Mervine purchased a part of the land north of Centre street, just east of the Pennsylvania railroad right of way, which they laid out in town lots. In 1868 Mr. Heinen sold his interest in so much of the land as was then undeveloped to W. A. Schreyer, who, together with William C. Lawson, laid out the balance of the land in town lots extending as far eastward as Hottenstein's addition to the borough of Milton. In 1870 Mr. Heinen purchased a large farm adjoining the town, which he laid out in lots, forming that part of Milton known as Heinen's addition.

Mr. Heinen married Anna M. Funk, daughter of Henry Funk, born Feb. 20, 1798, died Jan. 25, 1852, and his wife Catherine (Stover), born May 12, 1799, died Sept. 29, 1871. Mr. and Mrs. Funk had the following children: Anna M., Mrs. William Heinen; Benjamin F., who married Sallie Lloyd; Clementine, Mrs. Samuel Hoffa; George Washington, who married Rebecca Gauby; Catherine, Mrs. Michael Rissel; and Lewis H.

To Mr. and Mrs. Heinen were born eight children: Henry J. is mentioned later; Melancthon,

born Feb. 15, 1846, died Nov. 21, 1868; Catherine E., born March 26, 1848, died 1905, married D. M. Krauser and had a son William Heinen Krauser; William A. is mentioned later; Sallie A., born May 12, 1854, died May 4, 1855; Anna M., born Feb. 22, 1856, died Sept. 19, 1858; Edward E., born Sept. 8, 1862, died March 11, 1864; T. Curtis married Carrie V. Belford, daughter of D. W. A. Belford, and has one daughter, Katherine E. T. Curtis. Heinen spent his early life engaged in the store business, continuing thus until 1890, when he became secretary of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, remaining in that institution until he entered the Milton National Bank, in 1906, as teller. He is a member of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, Baldwin Commandery, K. T., of Williamsport, Pa., Warrior Run Chapter, R. A. M., at Watontown, and Williamsport Consistory, A. A. S. R.

William Heinen died July 19, 1879, and his wife survived until 1885. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

HENRY J. HEINEN was born May 24, 1843, in Milton, Pa., received his early education in the local schools, and later entered Bucknell College. From college he entered the service of the Union army during the Civil war, enlisting first in Company E, 131st Pennsylvania Regiment, and later, on July 1, 1863, in Company I, 37th Regiment. He was discharged Aug. 4, 1863, with the rank of sergeant. Upon his return from the army Mr. Heinen became a member of the firm of Heinen & Rissel, at Limestoneville, in a general store. After a few years there he came to Milton and entered into business with his father. In the year 1871 he became a member of the firm of Heinen, Schreyer & Co., with which he continued until his death, which occurred March 19, 1887. He is buried in the upper cemetery at Milton. Mr. Heinen was not only a successful merchant but also active in promoting various institutions and public utilities of Milton, being a director of the Milton National Bank, of the Water Company and of the Gas Company. He was a working member of the Presbyterian Church, served as trustee, as member of the building committee during the erection of the present fine church at Milton, and from 1880 until his death as superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday school. He was a Democrat in political opinion, but never active in party affairs. He held membership in Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.

Mr. Heinen married Anna Rebecca Mann, and five children were born to them, all daughters, namely: Edna, married to John M. Correy; Anna M., married to George D. B. Hedenberg, of Milton; Grace J., married to Rev. Forrest L. Fraser, a Baptist minister, now of Albany, N. Y.; Florence G., married to Henry R. Clinger, a young



business man of Milton; and Elizabeth Mann, at home.

John Mann, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Henry J. Heinen, was a captain in the Revolutionary war, and later lived in Montgomery county, Pa. He had a family of eight children: John; Joel, who lived and died at Abington (his children were George, John, Albert and Rachel); Annie, Mrs. Long; Samuel, who lived and died in Philadelphia; Betsy; Mitchel, who died when a young man; Eliza, and Mrs. John Fenton.

John Mann, son of John, settled down to farming in Doylestown township, Bucks Co., Pa., and became a prominent man in that district. He died there, and is buried in the graveyard of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member. He was twice married, and by his first wife had four children, namely: Benjamin, a carpenter, lived and died in Bucks county; Maria married Joseph Rich; Eliza was twice married, first to a Mr. Fritzinger, and second to William Widison; Martha married Joseph James. Mr. Mann's second marriage was to Martha Grier, by whom he had eight children: John Grier; Jane, Mrs. Alfred McGill; Dr. William, who died in Philadelphia; Margaret, Mrs. James Poole; Louisa, Mrs. Samuel James; Susan, Mrs. Benjamin Stuckertt; James S., who died at Norristown, Pa.; and Charles, who died young.

John Grier Mann, father of Mrs. Heinen, was born in 1805 in Doylestown township, Bucks county, followed farming, and died in 1883, at the age of seventy-nine years. He is buried at the Doylestown Presbyterian Church. He married Lydia A. James, daughter of Levi James, of Bucks county, and to them were born five children: Isabella James married J. K. Lovett; Francis T. married Sarah Rich, and died in 1905; Robert M. was wounded at the battle of Antietam and died of his injuries at the Philadelphia hospital, when twenty years old; Anna R. is the widow of Henry J. Heinen; Elizabeth Polk, unmarried, died at Doylestown Dec. 14, 1909.

WILLIAM A. HEINEN, brother of Henry J., was born Oct. 16, 1850, at Milton, and there received his early education in the public schools. Later he took a course at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa. In his youth Mr. Heinen followed farming, but in 1879, upon the retirement of his father, he became a member of the mercantile firm of Heinen, Schreyer & Co., with which he continued until 1880, after which he was engaged for some years in superintending his farm. In June, 1891, he became vice president and paymaster of the Milton Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of nuts and washers, and he is still serving in that capacity. He is associated with a number of other local enterprises of note, having served as director of the Milton Gas Company, the Milton Trust and

Safe Deposit Company (of which he is vice president), the Milton Iron Company, the Milton Driving Park and Fair Association, the Milton Water Company and the Milton Bridge Company, and he is secretary of the Milton Creamery Company. His substantial position makes his connection with any venture an assurance of its legitimate business purpose and high character.

On Oct. 8, 1889, Mr. Heinen married Mary C. Shimer, daughter of Samuel J. and Catherine A. (Stout) Shimer, of Milton. They have five children, William S., Henry S., George S., Lewis S., and Catherine S., all of whom are still at home. Mr. Heinen and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican in political opinion.

DANIEL R. ZARTMAN, of Sunbury, who has a large grocery house at the corner of Fifth and Market streets, has been in business in the borough for some thirty years, in various associations. He was born Oct. 15, 1854, in what was then Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, Northumberland county, and comes of an old family of this county, being a descendant of Alexander Zartman, who came to America in 1728, from whom he traces his descent through Jacob, Martin, William and Daniel. These generations in detail are given below.

Alexander Zartman and his wife Ann Catharine were the first of this family to come to America. In the summer of 1728, they came down the Rhine river to Rotterdam, Holland, and from there on June 22, 1728, they sailed via Cowes in the ship "Albany," Lazarus Oxman, master, and landed at Philadelphia Aug. 31, 1728. Here they remained some days, thence finding their way to the Tulpehocken region in Berks county, Pa. Before the year 1730 they located in Warwick township, Lancaster Co., Pa., in a place near Bricker-ville. Alexander Zartman died early in December, 1762, and his wife survived him some years. They had two sons, Jacob and Alexander.

Jacob Zartman, son of Alexander, married Anna Margareth Roemm (Ream), and they had eight children, all born in Lancaster county, viz.: Henry, Martin, Anna Margareth, Susannah, Eva, Peter, Jacob and Ann Maria.

Martin Zartman, son of Jacob, was born in Lancaster county, about 1769 (?). He came to Northumberland county and lived in Upper Mahanoy township before 1778. He married Susanna Futler (Fidler), and they had children: Elizabeth, Martin, Benjamin, William, Eve, Magdalena, Margaret and David.

William Zartman, son of Martin and grandfather of Daniel R., was born May 28, 1785, in Northumberland county, Pa., and followed the work of farming. He married (first) a Miss Herb, and their children were: Adam, Daniel,



Lydia, George H., Abraham, Mary, Rebecca, Harriet, Sarah, Abigail, Hannah, Joseph and May. William Zartman died April 30, 1857. He evidently married a second time.

Daniel Zartman, son of William and father of Daniel R., was born Sept. 29, 1811, and died Feb. 17, 1889. He owned and operated a tannery in Rockefeller township. He married Esther Raker, who was born Jan. 10, 1817, and died Jan. 1, 1857. They were the parents of twelve children born as follows: Harriet, a son that died in infancy, Sarah Ann, Alexander R., William (died aged twenty-one years), Mary Jane, Rebecca, Catharine, Abigail, one that died in infancy, Daniel R. and Esther.

Conrad Raker, maternal grandfather of Daniel R. Zartman, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and came thence about 1795 to Northumberland county, where he married. He located in Rockefeller township, remaining there two years and then removing to Little Mahanoy township, where he made his home until his death. He was a prominent man in various ways, serving as county commissioner in 1836-37, was a leading church member and worker, assisting in the building of Emanuel's Church in Little Mahanoy township and the "Stone Church" at Augustaville, both Lutheran churches, and proved himself useful in other capacities. He married Barbara Dunkelberger, and they had a family of ten children, as follows: John; Kate; Frederick, born Dec. 21, 1804, who married Elizabeth Hoffman and had children, Conrad H., Catharine (wife of Samuel Frederick) and Harriet (wife of Sam. Dornsife); Jacob; William; Enoch; Isaac; Maria; Esther, who married Daniel Zartman; and Mary.

Daniel R. Zartman spent his boyhood days attending school and working in his father's tannery. When a young man he became shipping clerk for James Martin & Co., of Rochester, N. Y., and upon resigning his position in New York formed a partnership with T. J. Vastine, of Sunbury, the firm of Vastine & Zartman dealing in general merchandise and groceries. This association lasted until 1883, when Mr. Zartman sold his interest to his partner and opened a general merchandise store, which he carried on for about a year and a half. At the end of that time he entered into partnership with Johnson B. Miller, under the firm name of Zartman & Miller, and they did business together for five years, selling general merchandise and meats. Mr. Zartman then purchased Mr. Miller's interest and continued the business alone for two years, until obliged to sell out because of ill health, Vought & Co. being the purchasers. In about a year he bought back the business from that firm, and conducted it until he sold out to U. A. Hartman, the present owner, in 1904. Meantime, in 1895, Mr. Zartman had built a large three-story brick store building at the cor-

ner of Market street and Catawissa avenue, the first floor of which is used for store purposes, the second divided into flats and the third used as a hall by the P. O. S. of A. He also erected two dwelling houses and a large warehouse. On June 9, 1908, he formed his present partnership with R. H. Treon, and as Zartman & Treon they are conducting a large and growing grocery trade, having a fine store at the corner of Fifth and Market streets. On May 22, 1909, Mr. Zartman purchased Mr. Treon's interest, and he continues the business alone. Mr. Zartman's enterprising disposition and success in his various undertakings have made him one of the most active business men in the borough of Sunbury, and he is highly esteemed throughout this section, his long career as a merchant having brought him into contact with a large proportion of his fellow citizens, among whom he is universally respected for his honorable dealings and creditable life.

On Nov. 3, 1881, Mr. Zartman married Ellen Bateman, daughter of Augustus and Mary (Messiner) Bateman, and they have had two children: Susan, who is married to Joseph Nesbit and has one child, Bailey Zartman; and Harry, who married Minnie Cling and has two children, Beulah M. and Clifford.

Mr. Zartman and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and as such has been chosen to represent his ward in the borough council. In social connection he holds membership in the P. O. S. of A., Conclave, Order of United American Mechanics, and Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Augustus and Mary (Messiner) Bateman, parents of Mrs. Daniel R. Zartman, had a family of eight children, namely: (1) Sarah married James Bitterman, and has two daughters, Mabel and Maud (Mrs. George Stroh). (2) Polly married Gideon Kremer and has children, Harry, George, Walter and Goldie. (3) Savilla has been twice married, and has two children, Charles and Jennie, by her first husband, C. Phillips; her second marriage was to Emil Bohn. (4) Edwin married Mary Witmer and they have four children, Ida, Laura, Minnie and Clarence. (5) Ellen is the wife of Daniel R. Zartman. (6) Katie married George F. Markel and has two daughters, Lillian (married Samuel Wileye) and Lena (married Charles Rogers). (7) Marietta married George Radle. (8) Lillian married Daniel Smith.

DANIEL DENGLE BOLICH, senior member of the firm of Daniel D. Bolich & Son, of Mount Carmel, is at the head of one of the most important mercantile concerns in that borough, originally established by his father in 1864 and in continuous successful existence since. His father engaged in the shoe business, carrying a comprehensive stock, and the present owners have added



other lines, all of which they have found in demand, their business showing a steady growth. They have kept pace with the advance of the times, both in the variety of their merchandise and in the methods of handling their trade, the increase of which shows the appreciation which their efforts to please customers has gained. Mr. Bolich has lived at Mount Carmel from boyhood, but he is a native of Barry township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., born July 22, 1850. The Bolich family was founded in this country by Andraes Bolich, his great-great-grandfather, who came from the Palatinate, in Germany, crossing the ocean in the ship "Nep-tune," with 171 other passengers, and landing at Philadelphia Sept. 24, 1754. We have a record showing that he located in Greenwich township, Berks Co., Pa., some time about 1765, among the first settlers in that district. Where he spent the intervening years is not known. Here he followed farming. He was a man of typical German characteristics. His will, on record in Will Book A, page 11, in the Berks county court house at Reading, is dated March 16, 1780; he died in April, 1780. To his son Andrew (Andraes) he bequeathed the plantation and all the implements, with the provision that he was to pay three hundred pounds sterling to his seven sisters, in installments. The will was witnessed by Philip Arnold and Benedict Kohler.

Andraes Bolich (2), son of the emigrant, lived upon his father's estate in Greenwich township, having become the owner of that property upon his father's death. He was born in 1757, and died on his farm. The Federal Census report of 1790 recorded Andraes Bolich a resident of Greenwich township and the head of a family consisting of his wife, one son under sixteen, and four daughters. His wife's name was Margaretha, and among their children were Johan and Michael.

Michael Bolich, son of Andraes (2), was born in 1770 upon the homestead in Greenwich township, and in time moved to what is now Barry township, Schuylkill county, settling about three miles west of Ashland. He was one of the pioneers in that district, and took up about fifteen hundred acres of land, prospering by good management so that he left a large estate. He was a prominent Lutheran and a leader in his district. He died in 1835, and is buried in Barry township. He was three times married, and his children were as follows: Henry, John, Daniel, Solomon, Michael, William, Samuel, Charles, Andrew, Mrs. Rebecca Kantner, Mrs. Soloma Hepler, Mrs. Elizabeth Bickel and Mrs. Susan Hull. Many of the descendants of this family continue to live in that region of Schuylkill county.

Charles Bolich, son of Michael, was born April 22, 1820, in Barry township, Schuylkill county, and lived in his native county until his removal to Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, in April,

1864. He learned shoemaking, and followed that trade as well as dealing in boots and shoes all his life. Upon settling in Mount Carmel he engaged in business as a shoe dealer, carrying on his store until his death, which occurred July 27, 1872. The year after his removal to that place, on Sept. 27, 1865, he was appointed postmaster under President Johnson, and served nearly three years in that position. He was a Republican, and in religion a member of the Evangelical Church, in the work of which he was quite active.

In October, 1849, Mr. Bolich married Sarah Dengler, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Schappel) Dengler, all of Schuylkill county, and granddaughter of George Dengler, a resident of Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., as early as 1812; he erected the first hotel in the town, known as the "White Horse Inn," later as the "Merchants Hotel," and now as the "Allen House." Mrs. Sarah (Dengler) Bolich died Jan. 26, 1876. She was the mother of the following children: Daniel D. is mentioned below; Susan E. is the wife of T. J. Klase and lives at Cranford, N. J.; Tansem Eliza is the wife of Dr. James L. Seibert, of Bellefonte, Pa.; Charles I., who is a shoe merchant at Canton, Ill., married Carrie Thornton; Newton A., now living in Deming, N. Mex., married Mary Smith; Michael O. is a resident of Kansas City, Mo.; Sarah E., who is unmarried, lives in Bellefonte, Pa.; Abraham L. resides in Beatrice, Neb.; David William, of New York City, is a noted civil engineer.

Daniel D. Bolich attended public school at Ashland, Schuylkill county, until he came to Mount Carmel with his parents. He learned the shoemaking trade, working in his father's shop a short time and serving two years as deputy postmaster—continuing in his father's employ until the latter's death. He then succeeded to the business, to the conduct and expansion of which he has since devoted all his energies. His store is located at No. 123 South Oak street. The boot and shoe branch of the business has been extended to include rubbers, leathers and shoemakers' supplies, and other departments have been added from time to time until the stock now comprises lines of clothing, shirts, hats, underwear, trunks, etc., for all of which there is a good local demand. Since 1906 Mr. Bolich has had his eldest son as partner, under the firm name of Daniel D. Bolich & Son, and they do the largest retail business in Mount Carmel. Mr. Bolich is naturally best known in connection with this establishment, but he has various other business interests in the borough and owns valuable real estate there. He was one of the organizers of the Union National Bank in 1894 and a member of the original board of directors of that institution; was one of the organizers of the Board of Trade and has been active in its various enterprises, during his twelve years of continuous ser-



vice as president of that body, to which office he was elected upon its organization, having been able to encourage and launch many plans for the promotion of local commercial conditions. He is a Republican, but not active in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian Church, which he has served as trustee and treasurer.

On Sept. 9, 1880, Mr. Bolich married Emily Hartshorn, daughter of Benjamin and Catherine (Burchfield) Hartshorn, of Curwensville, Clearfield Co., Pa., and they have had three children: Charles H., Wayne (who died when seven years old) and Newton A. The family have a pleasant home at No. 49 East avenue.

JACOB W. SMITH, who died many years ago, was a native of the borough of Sunbury, Northumberland county, and belonged to a family which has long been represented there, but he passed the greater part of his active years at Selinsgrove, Snyder county, where he ranked among the most intelligent, progressive and influential citizens. He became prominent in the business circles of that section, and was highly respected wherever known.

James Smith, father of Jacob W. Smith, was born and reared in Bucks county, this State. He served as a soldier in the Revolution, in what was known as the Pennsylvania Provisionals, and the musket he used in the Colonial service is now in the possession of one of his grandsons—a highly prized heirloom. In 1787 he came from Bucks county to Northumberland, being a pioneer at Sunbury, where in 1796 he built a hotel on the present site of the residence of Mrs. Louisa A. Moore (daughter of the late Ira T. Clement), conducting same for many years. His grandson John J. Smith, of Sunbury, has the board upon which the year the hotel was erected, 1796, appears. James Smith served some years as clerk in the office of the county prothonotary. In his later life he made his home for several years with his son James, at Reading, Pa., but he returned to Sunbury, where he lived with his daughter Catharine (Mrs. Withington) until his death. He is buried in the old South Fourth street cemetery. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife, Barbara Ann (Vanholdt), was from Bucks county, her people living in Philadelphia and Bucks county. An oil portrait of her now in the possession of her grandson, John J. Smith, is in a fine state of preservation and highly valued by the owner. James and Barbara Ann (Vanholdt) Smith had quite a large family, but a number of their children died when small. We have record of: Jacob W., who lived and died at Selinsgrove; James, who died in Sunbury, mentioned elsewhere in this work; John, a farmer of Upper Augusta township, who after his retirement lived in Sunbury, where he died; Catharine, wife of William Withington;

Polly, who married Robert Smith, and lived in Lower Augusta township; and Mrs. Benjamin Williams.

Jacob W. Smith was born in Sunbury Oct. 3, 1799. After studying at a select school in Northumberland he studied for the Lutheran ministry under Rev. J. Peter Shindle, but owing to throat trouble he had to give up the profession after following it a short time, and he turned his attention to business pursuits, in which he made a decided success. Locating at Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa., he engaged in the lumber and grain trade, in which he built up a large business, which he continued to carry on throughout his life. He took an interest in all matters concerning the community, took a leading part in local politics as a member of the Democratic party, and was an enthusiastic member of the Lutheran Church at Selinsgrove, contributing liberally when the church building was erected. His death, which occurred April 1, 1851, was regarded as a public loss. He is buried at Selinsgrove.

On Aug. 28, 1827, Mr. Smith married Mary Straub, who was born March 21, 1806, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Walter) Straub, the former of whom founded what is now the borough of Milton, Northumberland county. Mrs. Smith died in Sunbury Aug. 14, 1885, and was buried beside her husband. They had a family of ten children, only three of whom survive, namely: Emma J. is the widow of Capt. Selin Davis; Caroline E., who is unmarried, makes her home in Sunbury; Gertrude I. is the wife of Dr. Charles Arthur, son of the well known writer T. S. Arthur, and they reside in San Francisco, California.

LEWIS K. ETTINGER, one of the most valued employees of the S. J. Shimer & Sons (Incorporated) concern, in the borough of Milton, is engaged in the capacity of superintendent at that important industrial establishment. His ability is recognized in all his business relations, and his high standing, won in years of honorable occupation, is well merited.

Mr. Ettinger is a native of York, York Co., Pa., born June 10, 1855. The family there is of long and honorable standing. His great-grandfather, Rev. Adam Ettinger, a clergyman of the Reformed Church, died in 1809. He married a sister of Rev. John Stouch, of the Lutheran Church.

Rev. Adam Ettinger, son of Rev. Adam, for sixty-two years a clergyman of York county, was one of the pioneer ministers of the Evangelical Church. He was born in York in 1787, and in the fall of 1813, under the administration of Rev. John Walter, the first fellow laborer of Rev. Jacob Albright, founder of the Evangelical Association, joined that denomination, which then had but fifteen preachers and 769 members in America. He became one of the original preachers of the Associ-

ation in York county, traveling through that and surrounding counties, and no minister of the gospel was a more devoted follower of the doctrines and principles of the church of his choice than he, giving not only his time but his means to the support of the cause he so faithfully advocated. In fact, to the church and its interests he was generous and philanthropic beyond his means. When ninety years old he preached a sermon at Milton. He died in York in October, 1879, at the age of ninety, and is buried there, in Prospect Hill cemetery. He was married early in life to Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Conrad Miller, a soldier of the Revolution and well-to-do farmer of Hopewell. His father-in-law and mother-in-law then formed part of his household, and their home became a place for religious meetings, and in summertime camp-meetings were held in the adjoining woods.

Rev. Adam and Elizabeth (Miller) Ettinger had children as follows: Daniel, who resided at York, Pa., and who became a civil engineer; Jesse, who settled in York county, where he died; Catharine, who married Dr. William Bower and now resides at Mount Sterling, Ill.; Leah, who married John Sprengel, of York, Pa.; George, living in Baltimore; John, who died at Elizabethtown, Dauphin Co., Pa.; Mary, wife of George Messersmith; Joel, who died at Baltimore; and William.

William Ettinger, son of Rev. Adam and Elizabeth (Miller), was born Jan. 23, 1825, in York county, Pa., and learned the weaver's trade which he followed in York and Center counties. After his marriage he lived in Shrewsbury, York county, for a few years, in 1853 settling in York, where he remained until his removal to Aaronsburg, Center county, in 1861. There he followed weaving and later conducted a meat market. In 1876 he moved to Milton, Northumberland county, where he had a meat market for about twenty-five years, becoming one of the best known business men in the borough. He made his home there until his death, Nov. 20, 1896, when he was aged seventy-one years, nine months, twenty-seven days. Like his father he was a member of the Evangelical Church, and he was a Republican in politics.

On March 24, 1850, Mr. Ettinger was married, in Center county, to Sophia M. Kurtz, a native of Darmstadt, Germany, born Oct. 17, 1831, who was only nine months old when brought by her parents to America. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Ettinger: (1) Joanna E., born Jan. 6, 1851, married Rev. L. K. Harris, an Evangelical minister, and died in August, 1908. (2) Lewis K. is mentioned below. (3) Anna Mary, born Jan. 2, 1861, married William Neagley, and they have one son. They reside in Milton. (4) Joel, born Nov. 30, 1863, married Grace Anderson, of Chester, and they now live in Portland, Oregon.

Ludwig Kurtz, father of Mrs. William Ettinger,

was born in Darmstadt, Germany, and came to America with his wife and family in 1832, settling at what was then known as "Little York" (now York), Pa. The voyage to this country, made in a sailing vessel, took fifty-five days. Mr. Kurtz had a forge and sawmill in Germany, and was also an expert printer, and he was engaged as a printer after coming to this country. His death occurred at Aaronsburg, Center Co., Pa. He married in Germany Joanna S. Brahm, whose father, Godfrey Brahm, was a prominent man in Darmstadt in his day, being secretary under the ruler of the Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt; he could speak nine languages.

Lewis K. Ettinger received a common school education, and learned the weaving trade with his father. In 1875 he came to Milton and took a position in the Shimer establishment, making cutter heads, for a dollar a day. There were only two men besides himself in the department, and by earnest application and intelligent attention to his work he won promotion from time to time, becoming foreman and continuing as such until 1902, when he was made superintendent of the plant. In this capacity Mr. Ettinger has about 190 men to oversee, and he is one of the most trusted heads in the establishment, which has an important place in the industrial prosperity of the borough of Milton. He is a much respected and substantial citizen of that borough, a member of the Board of Trade, and in various ways identified with its best interests. Fraternally he holds membership in Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; in Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M., of Watsontown; and in the B. P. O. Elks. He is a Republican in politics.

In August, 1899, Mr. Ettinger married Mary Blanch Jenkins, daughter of John and Lucy (Hull) Jenkins, the former a prominent citizen of Milton, connected with several local financial institutions and well known in the Board of Trade, which he served at one time as president.

MONTGOMERY. The Montgomery family—descendants of James Montgomery, who may truthfully be called the pioneer schoolmaster of Northumberland county—is well and worthily represented in and around Pottsgrove at the present time, and a full account, giving the record of many of its living members and their immediate predecessors, will be found elsewhere in these pages. The present article is immediately concerned with the brothers John S. and William A. Montgomery, sons of Hugh R. Montgomery and grandsons of James. Herewith we give only an outline of the earlier generations, more complete mention of which may be found in the article written by Dr. James R. Montgomery.

In 1795 James Montgomery, the emigrant ancestor, married Sarah Sheddan, and they had chil-

dren as follows: Samuel, born in 1796, died in 1798; James, born in 1798, died in 1827; Samuel (2), born in 1800, died in 1826; Nathaniel, born in 1802, died in 1834; William, born in 1805, died in 1826; Mary, born in 1808, died in 1854; Daniel W., born in 1811, died in 1866; Andrew, born in 1814, died in 1838; Robert G., born in 1817, died in 1875; Hugh R., born in 1819, died in 1881; Anne, born in 1822, died in 1829. For his second wife James Montgomery married Mrs. Catherine (Harvey) Burns, and they had three children: John C., born in 1828, died in 1859; David H., born in 1831, died in 1902; Margaret J., born in 1835, died in 1842.

Hugh R. Montgomery, father of John S. and William A. Montgomery, was born May 26, 1819, on the old Montgomery homestead, where he lived until he reached his majority. Although never physically robust, he early became accustomed to hard work, helping to clear and till his father's land, while during the long winters he taught the district school. The latter occupation he followed for many years, the former throughout his life. The lady who afterward became his wife was for some time a pupil of his. In 1842 he bought a tract of land to which he moved and to which he subsequently made additions (this is now known as the "Lindrew" farm), and improved the property by building a substantial brick house and large bank barn. There he lived till 1865, when he sold it and moved to the Auten farm, where he lived one year, when he bought and moved to the Morgan farm in the village of Mexico. Here he lived for three years, when he sold the place and purchased a large tract of land along the banks of the Chillisquaque, near Pottsgrove. This was known as the Binnacle farm and was the tract originally known as "The True Point," which in consideration of the sum of twelve pounds, two shillings, sixpence sterling was granted, released and confirmed unto John Morrow (progenitor of the present Murray family) on the 16th day of June in the year of our Lord 1774, and the 14th year of the reign of King George III. over Great Britain, etc., by Thomas Penn and John Penn, Esq's., etc., etc. He moved on this farm during the month of April, 1869, and soon improved it by the erection of an excellent brick house, which he occupied until his death, which occurred after an extended illness, July 28, 1881. He was a man of sterling honor and integrity and a person of much more than ordinary intelligence. Although naturally rather backward and unassuming, his life was an active and useful one. He was first commissioned justice of the peace by Governor Johnston in 1850, an office he held continuously until his removal from the county, in 1869. In Chillisquaque township he served as overseer of the poor. He took much interest in educational matters, was a member of the school board for many years and was one

of the founders of the Pottsgrove Academy. He was executor or administrator of a great many estates. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Presbyterian, for many years a member of and elder in the old Chillisquaque Church. His father was one of the founders of that church. Hugh R. Montgomery is buried in the family plot in the upper cemetery at Milton.

On June 25, 1857, at Danville, Pa., Mr. Montgomery married Sarah S. Moll, who was born March 30, 1837, in Berks county, Pa., daughter of Daniel F. and Mary (Seidel) Moll, granddaughter of John and Mary Elizabeth (Foust) Moll, and great-granddaughter of Henry Moll. Little is known of the first Molls (or Mulls, as they spelled the name) in this country, but it is supposed they came from Germany. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh R. Montgomery: James R., May 15, 1858; John S., Aug. 21, 1859; Mary E., Nov. 20, 1860; Sarah A., Sept. 20, 1863; Daniel M., Sept. 27, 1865; William A., Sept. 2, 1867; Hugh Bryson, Aug. 27, 1868; Clara B., Nov. 29, 1870 (died July 23, 1900); Alice J., Dec. 17, 1873.

JOHN S. MONTGOMERY, born Aug. 21, 1859, on the Harvey farm in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., received his education in the public schools and in the academy at Pottsgrove, whither the family had moved in 1869. After his school days were over he learned telegraphy, which he followed for several years, being employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company from 1883 to 1888. He spent some time at Danville and Beaver Valley. In August, 1888, he purchased a store in Pottsgrove, which he conducted alone for a time, but in the fall of 1889 he took his brother Daniel M. into partnership, which lasted until 1901. Then Daniel withdrew and another brother, William A., entered the firm, which continued to do a large retail business in the prosperous community in which the store was located. In 1894 the brothers purchased a lot on which they erected a large and substantial store building and residence. John S. Montgomery, the senior member of the firm, which was known as J. S. Montgomery & Co., withdrew from the business in 1905, and has since lived retired. He continues to make his home in Pottsgrove, where he has a fine residence. Mr. Montgomery is looked upon as one of the enterprising men of his town, taking an active part in all that concerns its welfare, though of late not so intimately associated with its business life. He sold his business and stock in 1905 to Mr. C. I. Rummage, and his brother William disposing of his interest in 1906 Mr. Rummage now carries on the business alone. The stand is one of the most important in this region, and during his active connection with the business Mr. John S. Montgomery served eight years as postmaster of Pottsgrove. Since 1903 he has



been assessor of East Chillisquaque township. He is a Democrat in politics, and fraternally belongs to Pottsgrove Lodge, I. O. O. F., and to Milton Lodge, No. 913, B. P. O. Elks. Few citizens of Pottsgrove have been more thoroughly identified with its best interests.

On March 14, 1902, Mr. Montgomery married Jane S. McWilliams, daughter of John Cruser McWilliams. Like the family generally, he is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM A. MONTGOMERY, born Sept. 2, 1867, on the Morgan farm in Liberty township, received his education in the Pottsgrove schools. After the death of his father, in 1881, he took charge of the old home and farmed the place, thus making a home for his mother and his younger brothers and sisters. In 1895 he bought the farm, and occupied it for some years. Unfortunately he sustained a severe sunstroke, the results of which compelled him to forego the hard work and exposure to the heat of the sun incident to the life of the agriculturist. He rented his farm and removed to Pottsgrove, where he led a retired life until 1901, when he joined his brother, John S., in the mercantile business, from which he withdrew in 1906, shortly after his brother's retirement. He has since devoted his time to looking after his farm properties, having two fine tracts in East Chillisquaque township, one of seventy-seven acres, the other of 150 acres.

Mr. Montgomery has always been fond of travel, and on Jan. 22, 1909, he left for a pleasure tour of the Western coast, going by way of Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake City and Sacramento to Los Angeles, returning via Sacramento and Seattle, where he visited the fair then in progress. After a trip to Vancouver, B. C., he returned to Seattle, and thence East by way of Spokane, Yellowstone Park, St. Paul, Chicago, Niagara Falls and Buffalo, home to Pottsgrove, where he arrived Sept. 9th.

Mr. Montgomery is a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity and of the B. P. O. Elks, holding membership in the Milton Lodge of the latter organization. In religion he is a Presbyterian, and at present serving as a member of the board of trustees of his church. He is unmarried.

THOMAS H. GUFFY, who lives retired at Milton, has been a lifelong resident of that place, where he was born Feb. 10, 1859, son of Robert F. Guffy.

The Guffy family is of Scotch extraction. Alexander Guffy, grandfather of Thomas H. Guffy, was born in Scotland in 1750 and came to America in 1770, settling in Northumberland county, Pa., upon the site of McEwensville. He died July 15, 1816, at the age of sixty-five. He married Margaret Scott, daughter of James Scott, and she died Jan. 3, 1822, also aged sixty-five. They were

the parents of eight children, of whom we have the following record: (1) John married Agnes Grier, and died May 6, 1854, aged seventy-two; his wife Agnes died July 4, 1833, aged forty-eight. His children were: Mary married Aaron Miser; Alexander married Margaret Riddells; John married Eliza Crawford; Margaret married Charles W. Potts; Jane married Thomas Jones; Sarah married Alexander Koons; Emily married Jacob Crawford. (2) Eliza married Anthony (Armstrong), and they had six children: Jane married E. W. Derickson; Matilda married Judge John F. Dentler and had children, Mary E. (married Peter Melich), Henry Clay, Walter W., Jane E. (married J. W. Sloan), John M., James D., Jessie (married Alfred Bagney), Maggie (married Leidy Monloch), Sallie M. (Mrs. Gifford) and Julia (married William Withers); Margaret married John Sloan; Andrew married Angeline Watson; James P. married A. Guffy; G. W. married Elizabeth Withers. (3) Jane died young. (4) Andrew, born Aug. 13, 1792, died June 28, 1879. He married Eleanor Armstrong, who died Feb. 7, 1857, aged sixty-four years, six months. They had seven children: Margaret, born Dec. 28, 1821, married James P. Armstrong; Andrew Jackson, born near Turbutville May 31, 1823, married Mary M. Falls (he was well known as a surveyor and lawyer); James, born April 13, 1826, married Elizabeth Shannon, and died Oct. 3, 1891; Harriet, born Jan. 24, 1828, married Samuel Frymeyer, and died Feb. 6, 1875; Clarissa C., born in 1831, died April 12, 1884, aged fifty-one years, four months, twenty days; Richard A., born in 1836 (died Dec. 31, 1871, aged thirty-five years, three months, eighteen days), married Hester McKee (who died Dec. 21, 1871, aged thirty-two years, eight months, twenty-seven days); Eleanor S., born May 29, 1829, died in 1888. (5) Samuel married Mary Pollock and they had children: Alexander, Richard, Emanuel, Samuel Scott, Sheriff and Mary Ellen. (6) Alexander married Catharine Kerchner and they had seven children, Angeline, Susanna (married Joseph Money), Theodore, Ellen, Catharine, Elizabeth and John Andrew. (7) Emily married Jacob Crawford, and died July 27, 1894. Their children were Mary (married John Moyer), Ellen (married James Shell), Alfred (married Margaret Sheep), Ambrose (married Georgie Taggart), Margaret (married George Reeser), William, and Louisa (married Alfred Cadwallader). (8) Robert F. is the father of Thomas H. Guffy.

Robert F. Guffy was born in 1831 and died Oct. 25, 1900, at Milton, Pa. He came to that town when quite a young man, and followed his trade, blacksmithing, for many years, also boating on the canal for many years. He was a well known man and very popular in his district. His wife,



Matilda (Overpeck), daughter of Andrew and Deborah (Housekeeper) Overpeck, born in 1829, died in 1905, the mother of children as follows: Laura, who died in 1859; Thomas H.; Milton F., born in 1862, who died in 1863; and Annie Lee, born in 1863, who married Wilson Werly (now deceased) and had three children, Ralph, Robert and Helen, she and her family residing at No. 511 Shakespeare avenue, Milton.

Thomas H. Guffy received his education in the Milton schools. For a period of fourteen years he was employed in the nail mill there, and later was with the J. B. Kester & Son Company for five years and with the Milton Manufacturing Company four years. He then took charge of the estate of his uncle, Milton Overpeck, which he looked after until it was closed, and in 1907 he retired from active labor. Mr. Guffy is an esteemed citizen of Milton, a member of the local camp (No. 188) of the P. O. S. of A. and, in religion, of Christ Lutheran Church.

On April 11, 1906, Mr. Guffy married Mrs. Catharine (Dreisbach) Berlin, widow of George Berlin, by whom she has one son, Harlos H. To her marriage with Mr. Guffy was also born one son, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Guffy reside at the old Guffy homestead in Milton, No. 501 Shakespeare avenue.

Isaac Dreisbach, grandfather of Mrs. Guffy, lived principally in Luzerne county, Pa., though he died in Columbia county, where he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Sherman. His children were Stephen, Catharine, Sophia, Christine, Rachel and Maria.

Stephen Dreisbach, father of Mrs. Guffy, married Mary Bittenbender, and they had a family of six children: Levi, Alice, Frances, Rosania, Catharine, and Julia (who died young).

James Scott, father of Mrs. Alexander Guffy, had children: Samuel; John; Andrew, who moved to Ohio in 1791; Margaret, who married Alexander Guffy; Rebecca, who married Peter Jones; and Eliza, who married James Boon. Of this family,

Peter and Rebecca (Scott) Jones had children: John, Samuel, Isaac, Matthew, Matilda and Sarah, of whom Isaac Jones married Jane Wilson and had Wilson, Samuel Scott, Joseph B., John J., Reuben J., Andrew, Matilda and Margaret. Mattie Jones, daughter of Peter, married Peter Clive and had four children: Philip, Hiram, Henry and Rebecca.

Dr. Thomas Pollock, great-grandfather of Eleanor Armstrong, who married Andrew Guffy, son of Alexander, was married in Ireland to a Miss Cochran and lived at Coleraine, where his children were born, viz.: John; Thomas, M. D., who died in Ireland, where he returned after studying medicine in America; Robert; James, born in 1728;

Charles, born in 1732, who married Agnes Teel, and died in 1795; Jane, Mrs. McClean, who died in 1797; Eliza, who married John Sheriff; Mary; a daughter who married (first) a Mr. Caldwell and (second) a Mr. Allison; Mrs. David Barber, of Northumberland, Pa.; and Elizabeth, who died in Ireland. Of this family,

John Pollock, born in 1724, died in 1794. He was twice married, his first wife being Catherine Campbell, his second Eleanor Snell, who was a niece of Benjamin Franklin. They had four children: Eleanor, born in 1760, married James Armstrong, and died in 1823; Thomas, born in 1762, died in 1812; Alexander, born in 1764, married Jane Sheriff, daughter of John and Eliza (Guffy) Sheriff, and died in 1801; John, born in 1765, died in 1772.

James Pollock, son of Dr. Thomas Pollock, born in 1728, died in 1812. He moved to the Ligonier Valley, in Westmoreland county, Pa. He married Mary Heron, and they had children as follows: Adam, born in 1767, married Elizabeth Gilen, and died in 1815; James, born in 1769, married Mary Steel, died in 1857; Thomas, born in 1772, married Mary Fruit, and died in 1844; William, born in 1773, married Sallie Fruit; Thomas, born in 1777, married Rachel Hendricks and (second) S. Henderson, and died in 1847; Charles, born in 1780, died in 1798; John, born in 1783, married Elizabeth Hamill, and died in 1862; David, born in 1784, died in 1807; Jane was born in 1784; Robert, born in 1785, married Mary Anderson, and died in 1844; Nancy, born in 1789, married William Lytle, and died in 1845; Elizabeth married John McCoy.

James Armstrong came to America in 1786, and died in 1829, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife Eleanor (Pollock), daughter of John Pollock and granddaughter of Dr. Thomas Pollock, died in 1823. They were the parents of ten children: (1) Anthony, born in 1788, married Elizabeth Guffy, and died in 1866. (2) Elizabeth, born in 1789, married George Blain, and died in 1861. Their children were Ellen (married Jacob Mausteller), Prudence (married John D. Britton), James (married Elizabeth Emaus), Mary (married Hiram Artman) and Eleanor (married Andrew Guffy). (3) Eleanor, born in 1791, died in 1791. (4) Eleanor, born in 1792, married Andrew Guffy, and died in 1857. (5) Catharine, born in 1793, died in 1863. (6) John, born in 1795, died in 1863. (7) Jane, born in 1798, died in 1844. (8) James Thomas, born in 1800, was a surveyor, and died in 1871. He married Mary Reeder and their children were Dr. Richard, Mary Ellen, George B., William W. and Mary (who married Frank B. McGee). (9) Mary, born in 1803, died in 1871. (10) Richard, born in 1805, was a missionary to the Sandwich Islands and died in 1860. He married Clarissa Chatman and they had

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six children: Caroline; Carrie (married Ed. Bechurtle); Samuel (Gen.), founder of the Hampdon schools; William Nevins, who was attorney for the king of the Sandwich Islands; Ellen J.; and Clara A.

JOHN HAAS, late of Sunbury, Pa., long an influential and representative business man of that borough, was a son of Daniel Haas, whose father participated in the war of the Revolution.

Daniel Haas married Eve Reed; both were of Shamokin township, Northumberland Co., Pa. He engaged in farming there for some years, but in 1854 sold his farm and removed to Indiana, settling in Newtown, Fountain county, where he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives.

They had a family of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters. Their son John spent his younger days on his father's farm, but left home at an early age to engage in mercantile business. In 1857 he was clerk for Fagely, Seasoltz and Co., coal merchants at Sunbury, Pa., and in the fall of 1857 became a member of that firm, being associated for a time with William and Reuben Fagely, under the firm name of Fagely & Haas, the firm name later changing to John Haas & Co. They were most successful, conducting extensive coal operations until 1872, in which year they sold their personal property to the Mineral Mining Company, Mr. Haas continuing, however, to deal in coal until his retirement, some years before his death. During the Civil war period the firm shipped considerable coal to Baltimore and Philadelphia. While in partnership with Mr. Fagely Mr. Haas purchased four thousand acres of woodland in Lycoming county, Pa. They had large quantities of lumber cut and manufactured from that tract, selling it at a comparatively small profit. In 1883, when the Sunbury Nail, Bar and Guide Iron Manufacturing Company was organized, Mr. Haas became president, remaining as the executive head of that concern until he retired from the active management, in 1890, continuing to serve as president until 1894. To the upbuilding of this, one of the most important industrial establishments of the borough, he gave his principal attention and best energies, and much of its success was due to his efforts. Numerous other local concerns of considerable importance also counted him among their most effective promoters. He was one of the first directors of the Sunbury, Shamokin & Lewisburg railroad, now the Philadelphia & Reading road; a director of the First National Bank of Sunbury; and president of the Sunbury Water Company. Mr. Haas was a member of the Lutheran Church, serving as elder thirty-five years, being an important member of the church council, and as Sunday school superintendent thirty years. He was president of the board of directors of the Missionary Institute at Selins-

grove, Pa., now Susquehanna University, also a director of the Loysville (Pa.) Orphans' Home. Politically he was a Republican, and during the Civil war was a strong Unionist.

In 1846 Mr. Haas married Mary A. Geen, of Jersey Shore, Pa., who died in 1855. To this union were born four children: Jennie Clemetine, who married L. T. Rohrbach, of Sunbury; John Black Packer; Mary Alice, widow of Dr. C. M. Martin, and Louisa, who died in infancy. Later Mr. Haas married Mercy Ann Martin, daughter of Jacob and Henritta Martin. Though past eighty-three years of age Mrs. Haas is a remarkably well preserved woman, a pleasing conversationalist, with an excellent memory. The residence at the corner of Chestnut street and River avenue where she resides was built by Mr. Haas in 1868. Mr. Haas was a Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 22, F. and A. M., of Sunbury; Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Crusade Commandery, K. T., the latter organization of Bloomsburg. He was also a member of the I. O. O. F. at Sunbury. He died March 10, 1899, in his seventy-seventh year, after a life of all-around usefulness such as falls to the lot of few men. His son,

John Black Packer Haas was born in Sunbury Sept. 30, 1849, and there began his education. He was a student at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa., and later at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa. Upon leaving school he was employed by his father at Sunbury. In 1875 he moved to Baltimore to engage extensively in the wholesale and retail coal business there. While residing in that city he purchased "The Knox Hat Store"; also was appointed cashier of the Baltimore post office, May 16, 1881. Upon the expiration of his term in 1885 he returned to Sunbury, where he engaged in the iron business. He then accepted a position with the Pottstown Iron Company, with offices located at Syracuse, N. Y., and efficiently served in that capacity until the company closed the works, after which he returned to Sunbury and gave his time to his father's extensive private interests. His exceptional business ability and high sense of honor were recognized by all who had dealings with him in any of the relations of life. He was trusted implicitly, receiving many marks of the high confidence in which he was universally held. He was a thirty-second-degree Mason, being a member of Beauseant Commandery, No. 8, at Baltimore; an Odd Fellow; and member of the B. P. O. Elks. Though a staunch Republican in politics, he declined the nomination as candidate for representative from the Seventeenth Congressional district, though unanimously nominated from his county.

On Nov. 4, 1872, Mr. Haas married Sarah Schaffle, of Lewisburg, Pa., eldest daughter of Charles William Schaffle, and to them were born



three children, Mary Gheen, Gertrude and Jenny, the last named dying when seven months old. In 1897 Mary Gheen married Alonza J. Carter, of Waynesburg, Pa., now of Jeannette, Pa., where he is engaged in the furniture business and as funeral director; they have two children, John Pack-er Haas and Sarah Schaffle.

Charles William Schaffle, father of Mrs. Haas, was born in Lewisburg, Pa., in 1820. He was married in 1845 to Mary Wykoff, who was born in 1823, daughter of Peter Wykoff and Sarah Nevius, and a descendant of the Chamberlin family, well known in Union county, which was represented in the service during the Revolutionary war. To this union were born four sons and four daughters.

Charles Frederick Schaffle, grandfather of Mrs. Haas, was born in 1796 at Durmenz, Oberamt Maulbrum, in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Simon F. Schaffle and Mary Magdalene Kliner, who had a family of seven children, Charles Frederick being the youngest of five sons. Simon F. Schaffle was a man of influence and position, for eight years burgomaster of Durmenz. Charles Frederick Schaffle, his son, sailed for America Aug. 29, 1818, his twenty-second birthday, and the following year he settled in Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life, dying March 7, 1881. He had a superior knowledge of chemistry, and became a noted apothecary in that section, founding the druggist and chemistry establishment which he, his sons and grandsons conducted in turn for many years. He had a family of ten children, two of whom died in infancy. Two fought in the Civil war and died on the battlefield. He married March 12, 1820, Marie Caroline Dickes, daughter of Jean Guillaume Dickes and Marie Elizabeth Felme. She was born April 29, 1800, at One Mine, Alsace, France, and left her home on the German border the year her future husband settled at Lewisburg. April 29, 1819, with her parents and only brother, Joseph, who was Secretary to Joseph Bonaparte, ex-King of Spain, and held that position for fifteen years, until the monarch's death.

GASS. The Gass family, which has several representatives among the best citizens of the borough of Sunbury, has been identified with that section of Northumberland county since the founder, Jacob Goss, came hither from Berks county, Pa., where the immigrant ancestors apparently first settled upon coming to this country.

This family name was originally written Goss, and was anglicized to Gass about 1800. The immigrants of this name are recorded as follows: Carl Goss, ship "Christian," qualified Sept. 13, 1749; Stephan Goss, ship "Brothers," qualified Sept. 22, 1752; Johannes Goss, snow "Louisa," qualified Nov. 8, 1752; Johann Kraff Goss, ship "Edin-

burgh," qualified Sept. 14, 1753; Johan Georg Goss, snow "Good Intent," qualified Oct. 23, 1754.

The Gasses of Northumberland county are descended from one Frederick Goss, who was a taxable resident of Colebrookdale township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1754. He had among other descendants—these being probably sons—Jacob, Martin and Ludwig Goss, all of whom were living in Northumberland county when the Federal Census of 1790 was taken. At that time all were heads of families except Ludwig, who was married but had then no family. Jacob had wife, two sons and one daughter, all the children under sixteen years of age; Martin had wife and three sons, all under sixteen years of age.

Jacob Goss (or Gass) came from Berks county and as mentioned was settled in Northumberland county at the time of the census of 1790, living in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, about one mile east of Sunbury. He was a farmer and owned a large tract (now the property of Horace Lenker). He was a member of the Reformed Church, and he and his wife spoke German. Mr. Goss died when about sixty-eight years old, and is buried in the old cemetery at Sunbury. His wife, Sarah (Lantz), sister of the venerable Samuel Lantz, late of Rockefeller township, survived him several years. They were the parents of the following named children: The sons, Henry, Joseph, William and Martin are all mentioned in turn below; Mary married William Kuebler; Sarah married Reeder Campbell and they moved to Red Bank, Pa.; Eliza married Jacob Thompson; Susan married Westley Bastian; Lydia married D. O. E. Maize.

Henry Gass, son of Jacob, born July 29, 1805, died July 1, 1897. He lived in the Plum Creek district and is buried at the Plum Creek Church, where many Gasses have found their last resting place. He was twice married, his second union being to Julia Ann Conrad, who died Dec. 16, 1857, aged fifty-four years. His son Jacob, now a venerable resident of Upper Augusta township, is living at Hamilton; during the early part of 1911 he married Susannah (Malick) Raker, widow of William Raker. Other sons were William and George, and there were daughters Maria, Susan, Louisa and Harriet.

Joseph Gass, Sr., son of Jacob, born Dec. 20, 1810, was a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen of his day. He lived in the Plum Creek section, owning a farm of 148 acres which he cultivated profitably, of which 100 acres is now owned by David Furman. A Democrat in politics, and prominent in the affairs of his party and in public matters, he served as county commissioner from 1863 to 1866. He died Dec. 28, 1879. On Aug. 12, 1834, Mr. Gass married Maria Raker, who was born Jan. 27, 1814, and died Oct. 25, 1874, and both are buried in the cemetery of Lantz's Ger-



man Reformed Church, in Rockefeller township. They had children as follows: Martin R., born July 6, 1836, died Jan. 12, 1888 (his first wife, Mary Ann, born Sept. 20, 1835, died Oct. 16, 1862; his second wife, Abigail, died July 26, 1892, aged fifty-five years, seven months, eight days); Samuel, born March 10, 1838, died Nov. 5, 1901, aged sixty-three years, seven months, twenty-five days (his wife Sarah died July 4, 1905, aged sixty-five years, four months, eight days); Mary Ann was born July 29, 1840, and died in Sunbury Sept. 18, 1900; Lucendia, born March 25, 1842, died in February, 1843; Joseph, Jr., is mentioned below; Barbara A. was born Feb. 24, 1847, and died in Snyder county; Isaac, born July 18, 1849, died Aug. 9, 1849; Rev. Richard F., born Nov. 19, 1852, graduated from Franklin and Marshall Theological Seminary at Lancaster, and at present is serving his old home church.

Joseph Gass, Jr., born Dec. 13, 1844, in Rockefeller township, is engaged in farming there. He married Ruth Shipman, daughter of the late Judge Abraham Shipman, of that township, and they have had four sons: Horatio Warren is mentioned below; George Nevin died in infancy; Rev. Richard Ira is a minister of the Reformed Church, stationed at Mainville; Foster W. married Rachel R. Grier, daughter of Albert C. and Catharine (Gann) Grier, who lived in Lycoming county, Pa., and a member of a family which numbers many ministers, doctors, teachers and editors among its members, Albert C. Grier's father having been Dr. John Wilson Grier, of Nippenose Valley, Lycoming county, and his grandfather a Presbyterian minister who lived and preached at Jersey Shore for fifty years.

HORATIO WARREN GASS, M. D., a successful physician of Sunbury, Northumberland county, was born Sept. 9, 1868, in Plum Creek, Upper Augusta (now Rockefeller) township. He received his early education in the schools of the home locality, later attending the Kutztown Normal school, after which he was engaged as a public school teacher in his native county for seven years. In the year 1894 he began the study of medicine, and in October, 1895, entered the Medico-Chirurgical College in Philadelphia, graduating therefrom with his degree of M. D. May 21, 1898. In June he passed the examination of the State Board and in August began practice at Mount Aetna, Berks county, where he located Aug. 8th. In 1901 he removed his office to Sunbury, where he is located at the corner of Fairmount avenue and Market street. Dr. Gass has not only acquired a large private practice, but other interests of a professional nature in which he has won wide repute and high standing. He was jail physician at Sunbury from 1906 to 1908, inclusive, has been medical examiner for the Mutual Life and Travelers' Insurance Companies, and for the Ancient Order of United

Workmen, and holds membership in the Northumberland County and Pennsylvania State Medical Societies and in the American Medical Association. He has various social connections, being a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., at Sunbury; of Camp No. 194, P. O. S. of A., of Sunbury; and of the W. O. W. His church membership is with the Reformed denomination. Dr. Gass is a Democrat in political opinion, and he takes a genuine interest in public affairs, especially movements affecting the welfare of his home community, for whose good he has done much effective work. His unquestioned position and strong intelligence make him an influential factor in any enterprise which enlists his sympathies.

On June 28, 1900, Dr. Gass married Gertrude E. Kuebler, daughter of George E. and Sarah (Fasold) Kuebler, of Rockefeller township, and a descendant of Conrad Weiser. They have had one child, Mark Kuebler Gass.

William Gass, one of the four sons of Jacob Gass above mentioned, was a resident of what is now Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and engaged in agricultural pursuits, owning the large farm now the property of Alfred Schlegel. He served many years as school director of his township, was a Democrat in politics, and in religious matters a member of the German Reformed Church, which he served a number of years as member of the church council. He died March 23, 1897, aged eighty-one years, six months, eight days, and his wife, Susanna (Strickline), born Jan. 27, 1820, died May 29, 1888; they are buried at the Eden Church in the Plum Creek section. Their children were: Jacob, born in 1842, who died in 1858; Joseph A.; Simon W., who is out West; Isaac N., of Sunbury, Pa.; Harriet A., deceased, who was the wife of Francis Campbell; Emma J., who married John Taylor and (second) Charles Feese; and Annie E., who married Cyrus Tucker.

JOSEPH A. GASS, son of William, was born Sept. 8, 1844, in Shamokin township, and passed his early life upon the farm. When eighteen years old he became an apprentice to the carpenter's trade, which he followed for five years. Meantime, though he had no special educational advantages in boyhood, he had improved his mental acquirements by evening study and application, and in 1862 he began teaching public school, in Shamokin township, commencing at a salary of eighteen dollars a month. He taught thirty terms in all—nine terms in one school, and seven terms in Snyder town borough. All his schools were ungraded, and some idea of the amount of work expected from one teacher in those days may be gained from the fact that he had 114 pupils enrolled in Coal township, in 1864-65; 111 enrolled in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county; and 88



enrolled in Snyderstown borough. His school work was done for the most part in the winter season, his summers being devoted to farming in Rockefeller township. In 1889 he began dealing in fertilizers, being one of the first agents in his section, and in the spring of 1898 he removed to the borough of Sunbury, where he has since been engaged in business, being established on North Eighth street, off Market street. There, in addition to phosphates, of which he sells about four hundred tons annually, he is engaged as a dealer in and agent for buggies, runabouts and wagons of all kinds; agricultural implements, steam and gasoline engines, light plants, pumps, etc. He handles considerable International Harvester goods, machine mowers, reapers, etc. Mr. Gass was the chief organizer of the Augusta Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he was agent, secretary and director for fifteen years; it has grown to be one of the large and successful insurance companies of this region. In every way he has been a useful and energetic man, taking an active part in the various interests and organizations with which he has been identified. Socially he was connected with the Odd Fellows and Encampment, the P. O. S. of A. and the Knights of Pythias, which latter fraternity he helped to organize at Northumberland, Pa. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has served as school director of Sunbury, at present representing the Ninth ward on the school board. He and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury, and he has been active particularly in Sunday school work, having served as superintendent in his country district and in Sunbury, and he is now superintendent of the Union Sunday school at the East End of the borough. His services in this capacity have covered a period of fifteen or eighteen years.

On May 28, 1873, Mr. Gass married Isabella A. Hausewart, daughter of Samuel I. Hausewart and his wife Hulda (Farley), and they have had children as follows: Hulda Susanna, who has been engaged in teaching in Sunbury since 1895; Maggie S., wife of George S. Conrad, of Sunbury; Harriet A., a stenographer, at York, Pa.; Isabella M., wife of Charles Schlegel, of Sunbury; Samuel J., born June 27, 1883, who is now assisting his father; Francis C.; and Nellie P.

Martin Gass, another son of Jacob Gass, lived in Upper Augusta township, where he was engaged in farming at the Gass schoolhouse. He is buried in the old cemetery at Sunbury. By his first wife, Anna Hower, who was born Dec. 5, 1815, daughter of Jacob Hower, and died Jan. 22, 1850, he had four children: Elizabeth J. (deceased), who married William Mackert; Richard A.; Jacob F.; and George W., of Sunbury. His second wife was Mary Conrad, widow of Eli Conrad. No children were born to this union.

Richard A. Gass, son of Martin, was born Oct. 12, 1845, in Upper Augusta township, and obtained his early education in the local schools. Later he attended Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., and afterward taught school for some time, in Upper Augusta township and East Sunbury borough. For several years he engaged in the mercantile business at Sunbury, until he became traveling salesman, being at present engaged thus for the Chase Brothers Nursery Company. He has been selling for a quarter of a century and has been highly successful. In politics Mr. Gass is a Democrat and has been active in his party, having served from 1905 to 1908 as county auditor. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

In 1872 Mr. Gass married Emily A. Garinger, daughter of Charles and Deborah (Haas) Garinger, of Sunbury, and to them have been born four children: Laura G., Carrie D., Charles M. and Edward F.

CHARLES M. GASS, D. D. S., now engaged in the practice of dentistry in the borough of Sunbury, was born there May 4, 1878. He received his literary education in the public schools, including the high school, and on Oct. 1, 1897, he entered the dental department of Pennsylvania College, from which institution he was graduated in 1900. Returning to his home town he opened an office at No. 805 Market street, where he has since been established. He has built up a lucrative practice and occupies creditable standing in his profession. Dr. Gass is a member of the Modern Woodmen and of the Reformed Church.

EDWARD F. GASS, member of the firm of Wetzel & Gass, of Sunbury, the leading electrical firm of that region, was born Dec. 12, 1883, at No. 805 Market street, Sunbury, and received his education in the borough. Graduating from the high school in 1900, he subsequently worked for the United Telephone Company, doing business in Sunbury and vicinity, for a period of six years, during which time he studied the science of electricity. On Aug. 28, 1906, he formed his present partnership with Arthur B. Wetzel, under the firm name of Wetzel & Gass, and they do the leading business in their line in Sunbury and the adjoining country, keeping four men regularly employed, besides working themselves. They also carry a full line of all kinds of electrical supplies and equipment, and are up to date in everything pertaining to their business.

On Sept. 3, 1909, Mr. Gass married Frances E. Brand, daughter of William F. and Laura (Taylor) Brand, of Sunbury, the Taylor family coming from near Laporte, Sullivan Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Gass have had one son, Charles Joseph. They reside at No. 806 Court street, Sunbury. Mr. Gass is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Americus Club and the Reformed



Church, in which he has been quite active, having been secretary of the Sunday school since 1905.

Jacob F. Gass, son of Martin, was born Oct. 17, 1848, in what is now Rockefeller township, and at an early age began clerking in the store at Sunbury. In 1880 he engaged in the grocery business there on his own account, at the corner of Fourth and Market streets, where the Sunbury Trust Company is now located, but owing to ill health he gave up this business in course of time and took to carpenter work and contracting, in which he continued until his death, Jan. 25, 1909. He had been a resident of Sunbury for many years.

On June 8, 1880, Mr. Gass married Sarah Jane Keefer, daughter of George Keefer. They had no children. Mr. and Mrs. Gass worshipped at the first Reformed Church, Sunbury. In politics he was a Democrat.

JACOB STRAUB, a venerable resident of East Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, has spent his life in that section with the exception of the three years he was in the West, and there is no more respected citizen in the district. Born Oct. 19, 1826, in what was then known as Chillisquaque township, he is a grandson of Andrew Straub, the founder of what is now the prosperous borough of Milton.

Andrew Straub's father was born along the southern border of Germany, and as his parents desired him to become a priest he attended the Catholic schools of that country until he reached young manhood. However, he did not complete his preparation for the church, but coming to America became a land owner and farmer, settling at Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he took up land, cleared it and followed farming to the end of his days. He was a good neighbor and true friend, and was on very friendly terms with the Wright brothers, the founders of Columbia and Wrightsville. He married after his arrival in this country, and his children were: Andrew; Valentine, who settled along the Tulpehocken creek in Berks county, Pa.; Mrs. Hougendobler; and Mrs. Merkle.

Andrew Straub, son of the emigrant, was born Feb. 14, 1748, on his father's farm just back of the town of Columbia, in what is now Lancaster county. When a boy he was bound out to one Mr. Bashore, near Columbia, to learn the trade of millwright, but he remained with him only four weeks, his master making him work at the trade during the daytime and split rails at night. This was too hard for the youth, so he returned home, and the Wrights gave him employment in the same line, in which, being a natural mechanic, he soon became expert. Before the Revolutionary war Mr. Wright asked young Straub if he thought he could come up along the river to build a mill for the soldiers at Fort Augusta, and he agreed to do it.

Making the trip to Sunbury by team, he came up the river above Northumberland to the Chillisquaque creek, where he erected the first mill, the iron for which was poled up the river from Columbia in a canoe. He then built a mill on the White Deer creek, in what is now Union county. Returning to Columbia he enlisted in the Continental troops for service in the Revolution, but when the conflict was over his mind again turned to the new country in which he had worked and in April, 1784, he returned to this section, locating at what is now Milton, and engaging in work at his trade, going back to his former home, however, in the spring of the following year. On May 1, 1787, he married Mary Eveline Walter, and in 1790 took up his residence at Milton, where he built a log house on the lot now occupied by the Milton National Bank. Two years later he built a house near what is now the intersection of Center and Filbert streets and removed thither with his family. He obtained a large tract of land, and in 1795 had completed a residence upon the eastern part of his farm, at or near the corner of Center street and Turbut avenue, where he resided until his death, Aug. 2, 1806. One Christian Yentzer was originally associated with him in planning what is now the borough of Milton, but he bought Mr. Yentzer's interests in 1791 and laid out the town in 1792. An enterprising, farsighted and public-spirited man, his activity in promoting the interests of the new town was effective, and his name will ever be associated with its growth along the most beneficial lines. He made donations of ground for church and school use, established mills, encouraged local business and manufacturing enterprises, and lived to see Milton prosper, one of the most thriving towns in the valley of the West branch. He was kind to the poor, and a liberal supporter of every cause which was good and just, and no one citizen of the community has probably done as much as he did to place its fortunes upon a substantial basis. His children were as follows: Joseph; Andrew; Susanna, Mrs. Rhoads; Esther, Mrs. Lawrence; Rachel, Mrs. Jodon; Mary, Mrs. Smith; Abraham and Isaac, twins, born Dec. 9, 1794; Christian; and three who died young.

Abraham Straub, born in Milton, learned the tanning trade and followed the business until 1824, when he sold out and became associated with his twin brother in what was known as the Birchwood Mills, on the island opposite Milton. There they were engaged in milling and lumbering for many years. They invented and introduced into their mill the first reaction water wheel probably ever used in the State. They also had a railroad track to their mill and yard. In 1832 and 1833 they erected the first bridges over the West branch of the Susquehanna at Milton, carried away by the flood of March 17, 1865. In 1834



Isaac retired from the firm and went to Lewistown, where he engaged in merchandising, leaving that town in 1838 and going to Cincinnati, where he died Dec. 17, 1875. Abraham Straub continued to operate the mills until 1840, when he took down the gristmill and moved it to Muddy Run, two miles above Milton, where he continued the milling business until 1853. He then sold it and built a bridge across the Susquehanna at Uniontown, after the completion of which work he turned his attention to the invention of a centrifugal pump. Though a self-educated surveyor, he became one of the foremost in that profession in his section of the State. He laid out Harmony cemetery, at Milton. He died Aug. 21, 1864. On Nov. 29, 1821, he married Nancy Balliet, who was born in 1804, and whose father was a native of Lehigh county, Pa., and a settler in Limestone, Montour county. She died Dec. 25, 1861. They had children as follows: John Andrew, Ambrose White (died in infancy), Stephen Daniel, Elizabeth Caroline (married Rev. William Goodrich), Clement Calvin (born Nov. 23, 1833), Ambrose White (?), William Alfred and Mary Louisa.

Christian Straub, ninth child of Andrew, taught school and was a merchant in Schuylkill county, served as sheriff of that county, and was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature and in Congress. He died before the expiration of his term as Congressman, and is buried at Washington, D. C., in the Congressional burying ground.

Joseph Straub, son of Andrew, was born Feb. 10, 1793, at Milton, and in his early life followed tanning and distilling. He owned considerable land in what is now Chillisquaque township, and followed farming until his death. Like his father, he is buried in the Harmony cemetery at Milton. His first wife, Elizabeth (Follmer), daughter of Henry and Susanna (Stahl) Follmer, was the mother of these children: Susanna, who died unmarried; Mary, widow of Reuben Follmer, residing in Milton; and Jacob. To his second marriage, with Mrs. Maria (Bright) Orwig, widow of Dr. Orwig, were born the following children: Franklin died in Ohio; Joseph served in the Civil war; John was killed at the battle of Gettysburg; Charles died young, of smallpox; Barbara married Dr. Koenig; Kate married William Moyer.

Jacob Straub, or, as he is familiarly known among his large circle of relations and friends, "Uncle Jake," received such education as the pay schools of the home district afforded. He learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed only a comparatively short time, however. In 1864 he went out to Nebraska, where he remained for three years, living among the Indians still numerous in that region and following farming. At the end of

that time he returned to the homestead where he had been brought up, and bought fifty-three acres of the old farm, upon which he built his present home in 1869. He followed farming and trucking here for forty years, retiring in 1907, since when his son has conducted the farm. Mr. Straub is intelligent, and having a good memory has become well informed through reading, of which he is fond. He is an entertaining conversationalist, and though in his eighty-fifth year continues to take the deepest interest in all that concerns the community with which he has so long been identified. He has two heirlooms which he values highly, a grandfather clock that was made in the year 1786 and has been in the family for one hundred years, and an old secretary which was made in Milton in 1821, all the work done by hand.

On April 19, 1864, Mr. Straub married Araminta Agnes Schlebby, who was born April 21, 1836, and died April 30, 1904. She is buried at Milton. Two children were born to this union: Kate and John L. The daughter, born Aug. 22, 1872, now keeps house for her father. Mr. Straub is a Republican in political preference.

JOHN L. STRAUB, now engaged in farming in West Chillisquaque township, was born Sept. 11, 1873, in Chillisquaque township, son of Jacob Straub. He attended the Harrison school in his native township, and when old enough commenced to work with his father, with whom he continued to farm until 1909. He then removed to the old Dougal farm, in the same township, near the borough line of Milton, where he carries on general farming. He married Lois May Balliet, daughter of Charles Henry and Catharine (Hall) Balliet, and they have had two children, Annie Catharine and Andrew Jacob. Mr. Straub is a Republican in politics.

PARDOE. The Pardoe family of Northumberland county has long been one of prominence. It was planted here by Thomas Pardoe, a native of London, England, born March 4, 1795, who came to America with his parents in childhood. He settled in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, where he became the owner of a large tract of land. At first his father bound him out, and for a time he lived in Point township. After his location in Chillisquaque township he devoted himself to farming, milling and distilling, and also had a general store. Naturally given to study, he acquired what education he could with the primitive facilities of those early days, and he was called upon to settle up many estates, wrote deeds, and performed similar offices. As justice of the peace he married many couples. He was school director in his district, and also held the office of supervisor. He died April 21, 1873. On March 2, 1824, he married Sarah Hause, born Oct. 13, 1801, who died Nov. 18, 1876. They were members of



the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: Elizabeth, born Nov. 26, 1824, married John Troxel, and died Feb. 23, 1859; William, born Jan. 28, 1826, is mentioned below; Charles, born Jan. 21, 1828, died Jan. 3, 1833; Peter H., born Jan. 25, 1830, died Sept. 5, 1850; Sarah A., born April 19, 1832, married William Fordsman, and died in 1906; Hannah H., born Sept. 6, 1834, married John H. Gotschall, and lived in Michigan (she died in 1910); Franklin C., born Aug. 28, 1836, married Margaret A. Rishel, daughter of Jonathan Rishel, and died in 1909 in Chillisquaque township; Joseph and Mary, twins, born March 15, 1839, died Oct. 16, 1899, and July 28, 1839, respectively; Jemelah, born June 14, 1842, died Jan. 1, 1844; and Thomas E., born Jan. 25, 1846, died March 24, 1875.

Joseph Pardoe, son of Thomas, born March 15, 1839, was a well known man in Northumberland county, making his home in Chillisquaque township. In 1890 he was elected county commissioner; in 1888-89 he served as tax collector. In politics he was a Republican. He married Susan, daughter of Andrew J. Fetzer, in 1860, and she resides at Montandon, this county. Their children were: Mary J., who married Charles Shearer, and has three children, Rupert, Susan P. and Joseph P.; Sarah E., who married Thomas Houpt, of Sunbury, and has a daughter, Grace J.; Thomas H., who married Bertha Kech, lives in Illinois, and has a daughter, Louisa R.; and Emma G., who married Frank Johnson, and lives in Montandon.

WILLIAM PARDOE, second child of Thomas and Sarah, born Jan. 28, 1826, attended the eight-cornered schoolhouse in Chillisquaque township— which school building is still standing, a famous landmark in the district. He applied himself assiduously to his books, and became fitted for teaching, a profession he followed for twenty-eight years. He then bought a sixty-seven-acre farm in Chillisquaque township, and engaged in farming. He served a long time as school director and for a time was treasurer of the board, and also filled the offices of tax collector and constable. In 1898 he removed to Milton, and amid new surroundings won new friends. Wherever he lived he had a high reputation for honesty and square dealing. After his removal to Milton he settled up several estates and filled the office of overseer of the poor. He died April 7, 1901. On Jan. 2, 1849, he married Lucy Louisa Troxel, who was born June 4, 1829, daughter of George Troxel. She now resides at Milton. This union was blessed with the following family of children: Ida L., born Jan. 13, 1850, died Feb. 20, 1852; Martha J., born Nov. 27, 1852, married Lee Bellas, who died in Williamsport, and she died July 9, 1890, in Chillisquaque township (she had two children, William and Bertha); Charles Edwin, born Aug. 31, 1855, a butcher at Milton, married Lizzie Newberry;

Sarah C., born Sept. 8, 1857, married Joseph Wolfe, of Milton; Thomas E., born Feb. 6, 1860, married Sallie Pfleeger, and lives in Chillisquaque township; Lizzie T., born Oct. 5, 1863, married A. C. Yarger, of Milton; Franklin L., born Nov. 19, 1867, married Lola McClain, daughter of Charles and Maria (Berger) McClain, of Chillisquaque township, and they have two sons, Oscar W. and George W., and an adopted daughter, Nora E.

TROXEL. Abraham Troxel, grandfather of Mrs. Lucy Louisa (Troxel) Pardoe, was an early settler of Chillisquaque township, where he followed farming. He married Catherine Derr, and both are buried at Lewisburg. Their children were: Jacob, George, Benjamin, Abraham, Andrew, David, Andrew (?), Susan, Mary, Catherine and Elizabeth.

George Troxel, son of Abraham, was born in 1797 and died in 1884. He was the owner of a large farm in Chillisquaque township, which he successfully cultivated. He served as school director in his district. In his religious faith he was a Methodist. He married Catharine Kline, daughter of Henry Kline, and she died in 1872. Their children were: Reuben, John, Charles (who died in Chicago), Sarah (who married William Haupt), Lucy Louisa (Mrs. Pardoe), Catharine (who married Lenas Stoudt), Margaret (who married John Hassenplug, and lives in Milton), B. Frank (of East Lewisburg) and Aaron (of East Lewisburg).

JOHN F. WILSON, the well known photographer of Milton, where since 1903 he has been located in the J. R. Smith building, is a native of Lycoming county, Pa., born in October, 1863, son of Ellis B. Wilson and grandson of Joseph Wilson.

Joseph Wilson was born in Lycoming county, where he died, and was buried in Mill Creek township. He passed the years of his active life as a farmer. He and his wife had children as follows: Ellis B., William, Seth, Charles and Sarah.

Ellis B. Wilson was born in Lycoming county, where he died at the age of sixty-eight years, and was buried in Mill Creek township. For a few years he was engaged in the harness business at Montoursville, later taking up farming. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth Hite, daughter of George F. Hite, and their children were: Harry H., living in South Dakota; Ada F., who married Huston Wright, and died aged thirty-three years; and John F. Later Mr. Wilson married (second) Kate Hall, who is also deceased, and to this union was born one son, Rev. Rolland E., an Evangelical minister at Hallstead, Pennsylvania. George F. Hite, father of Mrs. Elizabeth (Hite) Wilson, was a native of Germany, and on coming to America settled in Lycoming county. He married Christian Lipp, also a native of Germany, and they had children: Jacob, Sarah Neff, Fred, Mary, Eliz-



abeth (who married Ellis B. Wilson), Emma Jones, John (died in the Civil war), Christian and George.

John F. Wilson attended the public schools of Montoursville, and made his home with J. C. Bryan until he was nineteen years of age, at which time he went to Williamsport, Pa., there attending the Williamsport Commercial College, from which he graduated in 1886. His school days over, he took up photography, for which he had always had a liking, and for a short time was located in Muncy; for several years he was at different places. In 1899 he came to Milton, and was first located on Lincoln street, on Dec. 1, 1903, opening his present studio in the J. R. Smith building, where he has since done a thriving business. He is a man of naturally artistic tastes, and his poses have none of the stiffness which mars so many photographs.

Mr. Wilson married Fannie Heddens, daughter of James and Fanny Heddens, of Washingtonville, Montour county, and they have a comfortable home at No. 57 Bound avenue, Milton. Mr. Wilson is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the State Photographers' Association. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church. He has won many friends since he came to reside in Milton, and the prosperity that has attended his efforts here has been well deserved.

MARTIN. The oldest representative of this family living is Alexander Martin, of Montandon, Northumberland county, son of Hugh Martin, who founded the family in this county. Edward Martin, contractor and builder of the borough of Milton, is a grandson of Hugh, being a son of the late Robert Martin. The father of Hugh Martin was born in White Deer township, Union Co., Pa., and his wife, Mary Ambrose, was also a native of that county.

Hugh Martin was born April 5, 1810, at Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., where he was reared, in his youth attending the local pay schools. When seventeen years of age he had earned and saved enough money, by working on the canal, to buy a house and lot at Lewisburg. Later he learned the trade of plasterer, which he followed about twenty-five years. He was a skilled workman, and many of the houses in his district showed his workmanship. In 1848 he moved to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, where he purchased a farm of 120 acres of valuable land, which he cultivated for a period of eleven years. At the end of that time he removed to Montandon, residing there until his death, Dec. 11, 1893. Mr. Martin's business enterprise had turned out well, and he was a stockholder in the Lewisburg Bank, the First National Bank of Milton, the Lewisburg Nail Company and the Lewisburg Bridge Company. Mr. Martin was a Democrat, and in 1864 he

was elected Northumberland county commissioner, serving from 1864 to 1867. He also served as overseer of the poor for seven years, and held almost all the township offices, being a man who inspired the greatest confidence among his fellow citizens. He was a charter member of Lewisburg Lodge, I. O. O. F. Though not connected with any particular denomination he was a liberal supporter of all the churches. In 1831 Mr. Martin married Hannah Maurer, daughter of John Maurer, of Berks county, Pa.; she was born Nov. 11, 1807, and died Aug. 21, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are buried in Harmony cemetery, Milton. They had a family of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Alexander is living at the old homestead in Montandon, Chillisquaque township; Elizabeth married James Bannen, and had children, Rev. Hugh (a Lutheran minister, now of Illinois), Rev. Robert (a Lutheran minister, of Williamsport, Pa.), May (married Fred Swooper), Cora (married Miles Derr; she is now deceased) and Amy; Robert is mentioned below; Fannie is the wife of Elias Bieber and they reside in Chillisquaque township.

ALEXANDER MARTIN, son of Hugh, a retired farmer now living at Montandon, was born in Lewisburg, Pa., Aug. 5, 1834. He is the only surviving son of Hugh and Hannah Martin. When a young man he worked for his father on the farm in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, and he has been a resident of that township for sixty-three years, now having the old homestead at Montandon. A man of quiet and unassuming disposition, he has followed the paths of integrity and industry all through his long life, and few men have won greater respect among their fellows for unpretentious but valuable services and solid worth. He has served his township as school director and in other offices.

Mr. Martin's first marriage was to Margaret Harper, who died aged fifty-two years, leaving one son, George R. Martin, who married Ellen Krause: they are the parents of two children, Earl and Blanche. On April 19, 1894, Alexander Martin married Mrs. Anna Wagley, widow of Allonza Wagley, and by this union had one daughter, Edna, now the wife of Curtis Slack, of Lock Haven; they have one daughter, Helen Elizabeth.

Robert Martin, son of Hugh, was born at Lewisburg March 4, 1842, and died Jan. 22, 1880. He is buried at Milton. In early life he assisted his father at farming, later coming to Milton, where he was employed by Lenas Stout, who was in the grain and coal business. There he remained till his death, which was caused by falling from a tree. His wife, Elizabeth P. (Hause), was born Aug. 3, 1840, and died Aug. 11, 1898. Her father, George Hause, was a native of Northumberland county, and was a merchant at Chillisquaque creek for several years, later engaging in farming. He died



upon his farm, and he and his wife are buried in Harmony cemetery at Milton. He married Mary Keefer, and they had the following family: Elizabeth P. married Robert Martin; Mary A. married William B. Galbraith; Lydia died in Michigan; George is living in California; Peter is living in New Columbia, Pa.; Frank lives in Corning, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin had these children: Alfred; Fannie, who married James Stiver, of Montandon, Pa.; William; Edward; Catharine, who married Cyrus Trate, of Milton; Mary, married to John Neiler and residing in Philadelphia; and Melvin.

EDWARD MARTIN was born April 11, 1868, at Milton, and there began his education. When eleven years old he went to live with his uncle, James Bannen, near Turbutville, remaining with him till sixteen years of age. He was seventeen when he came to Milton, where he was employed as a nail feeder for three years, after which he learned the slating business, at which he was engaged four years. In 1892 he went to the carpenter's trade and followed it until 1897, when he engaged in the contracting and building business. He is now one of the largest contractors in the borough, employing from six to eight men, and has established a business which does credit to his executive ability as well as to his standing as a reliable workman.

Mr. Martin married Mary Catharine Murphy, daughter of James Murphy, of Milton, and they have a large family: William J., Edna M., Luther H., Robert B., Amy E., Elmer A., Mildred E., Catherine, Grace and Harold. The family reside at No. 25 Stanton avenue, Milton. Mr. Martin is an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, which he has served as member of the council, and he has been a teacher in the Sunday school since 1905. Fraternally he belongs to the Royal Arcanum.

JOSEPH C. KNITTLE, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad who makes his home at Sunbury, was born May 24, 1854. This family is of the same origin as the Knittles of Berks county, Pa. The history of the family in Pennsylvania begins back in the middle of the eighteenth century. The only one of the name recorded in the Pennsylvania archives up to Sept. 17, 1753, was Joseph Knittle, who came to America on the ship "Patience," which landed him at Philadelphia on the date named.

Michael Knittle, probably a son of Joseph, was a resident of Richmond township, Berks county. He made his will May 9, 1789, and it was entered June 13th of the same year. It is evident that he died between these two dates, and his sons, Michael and Daniel, were the executors. His children are given as follows: Frederick, John Adam, Michael, Daniel, Rosina and Catharine. John

Adam was a resident of Richmond township in 1785 and that year paid 18 s., 9 d., tax. In 1758 Michael Knittle was a resident in Maxatawny township, and in that year he paid £1, 1s., 6d., tax. In 1775 he is registered as taxable in Richmond township when he paid £5 tax. In 1815 Michael Knittle, Jr., was a tax-payer in Richmond township, paying 44s. tax.

Aaron Shultz Knittle, father of Joseph C. Knittle, lived in the vicinity of Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa., and was extensively engaged in farming. He married Sarah Campbell, daughter of Obediah Campbell, and they had children as follows: Daniel, who is a merchant of Catawissa; Dallas, of Reading, Pa.; John, of New Mexico; Jennie, wife of John Frederick, of Pottsville, Pa.; Laura, widow of Silas Everet, of Mount Carmel; Mary, wife of Franklin Maurer, a carpenter, of Shamokin; and Joseph C.

Joseph C. Knittle has been engaged in railroad work since 1876, and throughout that period has been a resident of the borough of Sunbury. He has been an engineer since 1892, and is a member of the Engineers' Brotherhood and of the Veterans' Association, in both of which organizations he is well known, and he is highly respected by all his acquaintances. A man of steady habits and faithful to his duties, he has been a reliable employee throughout his connection with the railroad service.

Mr. Knittle's first wife, Celesta (Yeager), died in August, 1896, at the age of forty-two years. She was the mother of five children, of whom Miss Mabel now lives in New York; William is a druggist in Philadelphia; Clark is a carpenter at Sunbury, Pa.; and two died young. On April 19, 1906, Mr. Knittle married (second) Mrs. Annie (Fenstermacher) Bowen, widow of Joseph Bowen, who lived and died in Sunbury, passing away Nov. 15, 1897, at the age of thirty-seven years. Mr. Knittle and his family are Lutherans in religious faith.

The Fenstermacher family, to which Mrs. Knittle belongs, was founded in Berks county, Pa., by one Matthias Fenstermacher, a native of the German Palatinate, who crossed the sea on the good ship "Glasgow," which arrived at Philadelphia Sept. 9, 1738. On the original list of passengers his age is given as sixty years, and he was born in 1678. He was accompanied to America by his two sons: Jacob, who was then 29 years old, and Wilhelm, twenty-five years old. These three were preceded to the New World by a third son, Philip, who qualified at Philadelphia Aug. 30, 1737. He was then twenty years of age. He settled in Longswamp township, Berks county, and in 1759 he paid a federal tax of ten pounds in that district. His father and two brothers also lived in Longswamp township for some time. Tradition holds that one of the sons, probably Jacob, located near



Philadelphia. The name is also spelled Fenstermaker.

Philip Fenstermacher, son of Matthias, was a large property owner in Longswamp township and owned valuable land on which in later years was found iron ore in large quantities. Some of this land is still in the possession of his posterity. He died in 1790, and his will was probated July 9th of that year, his widow Elizabeth being the executor. The names of his sons John and Christopher were mentioned in his last will, and he also had a son Philip, Jr., a son Michael, and one named Joseph.?

From this source probably came the family to which Mrs. Knittle belongs. Her grandfather, Joseph Fenstermacher, born March 28, 1798, died Oct. 18, 1875. He lived at Dalmatia, in Lower Mahanoy township, and followed the trade of cabinetmaker. His children were: Joseph; Augustus, who lived and died at Dalmatia; Annie, who married William Negley; Sarah, who was twice married, her second husband being Isaac Fetherolf; and Mary, who died unmarried.

Joseph Fenstermacher, son of Joseph, was a farmer by occupation. He moved to Sunbury in August, 1874. He married Barbara Kobel, and they had children: Charles, James, Milton, Alice, Annie and Howard. Of these, Annie, now the wife of Joseph C. Knittle, was born at Urban, in Jordan township, Northumberland county.

John Fenstermacher, brother of Joseph, above, was born Aug. 4, 1800, in Lynn township, Lehigh county, and came to Northumberland county before his marriage, settling in Lower Mahanoy township. He owned and cultivated a small farm at Georgetown, and owned a home in that village. He died April 3, 1869, and his wife Catharine (Michael), born June 15, 1802, died at Georgetown March 1, 1867, both being buried at that place. He and his family worshipped in the Lutheran Church there. Their family consisted of two sons and three daughters, viz.: Isaac; Katie, Mrs. Philip Spotts; Anna Eliza (1838-1862), Mrs. Abraham Hetrick; Michael, born July 26, 1830, died March 12, 1891, who married Rebecca Snyder (1839-1894); and another daughter whose name is not given.

Isaac Fenstermacher, son of John, was born at Dalmatia, and there passed all his long life, dying March 23, 1904, aged seventy-seven years, four months, two days. In his earlier life he followed boating, until he became a partner of John Bingaman under the firm name of J. Bingaman & Co., the firm establishing a large business at Dalmatia in the coal, grain, lumber and railroad ties trade. In time Mr. Fenstermacher became sole owner of the business, in which he was engaged for many years, at his death being succeeded by his son John A. He was a much esteemed man of his sec-

tion, served as school director, and was one of the active members of the Union Church at Dalmatia, in which he and his family held membership. He helped to build the present church edifice, held offices in the church for many years, and at the time of his death was treasurer. For many years he was superintendent of the Union Sunday school. Politically he was a Republican. His wife, Lenah (Reitz), died in December, 1909, aged eighty-one years, and they are buried at Dalmatia. Their children were as follows: Marietta, wife of D. F. Batdorf; Anna, wife of A. Moeschlin; Milton R.; John A.; Eliza Catharine, wife of Jolin Otto; and Lizzie A., wife of William D. Witmer. All of this family are living, and all have families but John A., who has never married.

MILTON R. FENSTERMACHER, passenger, freight and baggage agent at Dalmatia for the Northern Central Railroad Company, was born in that town Dec. 14, 1861. He was educated in the public schools there, and when eighteen began to serve his apprenticeship as telegraph operator, at that point. On July 22, 1882, he entered the employ of the Northern Central Railroad Company as operator at Selins Grove Junction, whence after about nine months he was transferred to his native place. There he has since been stationed, and he is also agent at that point for the Adams Express Company. He has taught telegraphy to many young men and started them out in the service of the company. His satisfactory work has earned him the reputation of being one of the most reliable, as he is one of the oldest, employees in the Northern Central service. Painstaking, efficient and industrious, he deserves the high standing he enjoys.

On Jan. 8, 1885, Mr. Fenstermacher married Sarah E. Lenker, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Lenker, and they have had one child, Stella T., who died in her ninth year. Mr. and Mrs. Fenstermacher are Lutheran members of the church at Dalmatia, where he is at present serving as leader of the choir. He has been active in the life of the church in various ways. Mr. Fenstermacher occupies a home of his own at Dalmatia, and he also owns his father's old farm of forty acres, located near the town.

DANIEL K. RUCH, a veteran of the Civil war, and now engaged in business at Milton, Pa., as a dealer in wall paper and paints, was born in Augusta township, this county, in 1834, son of Abraham Ruch, and is of German ancestry.

Jacob Ruch, grandfather of Daniel K., was a native of Germany, who emigrated to America, and on coming to Pennsylvania settled in Augusta township, Northumberland county. He was a stone mason by trade, and this he followed in connection with farming. He became the owner of a large farm in Augusta township. In 1844 he



and his family started for what was then the Far West, their destination being Whitley county, Indiana, fourteen miles west of Fort Wayne. The journey was made by team and much of it was along scarcely formed wagon roads. Mr. Ruch bought a farm there, and was engaged in its cultivation as long as he lived. He is buried there. After his death his widow returned to Northumberland county, and here died and was buried. Mr. Ruch was a man of large proportions, weighing 347 pounds. To him and his wife were born eight children, namely: Abraham, Margaret, David, Charles, Susanna, Maria, Julia and Louisa.

Abraham Ruch, son of Jacob, was born in Augusta township, and accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana. In 1848 he returned to Pennsylvania, and settled in Augusta township, near the old homestead, and engaged in farming. He was a tanner by trade, but all his later years were given over to agricultural pursuits. He is buried in the old graveyard at Sunbury, his death having taken place in 1849. He married Elizabeth Keefer, daughter of Daniel, who died in 1887, aged seventy-four years, and is also buried at Sunbury. Their children were: Peter B., of Nebraska; Daniel K.; Louisa; Charles; Catharine; Samuel, of Sunbury; and Elizabeth.

Daniel K. Ruch received the education afforded by the district schools in the neighborhood of his home. As a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, and in 1855 came to Milton, and here engaged in planing mill work and carpentering. In 1867 he added painting and this he followed until 1897, when he engaged in the wall paper and paper hanging business. He also does some graining. His place of business is at No. 177 South Front street. He has won his own way in the world, and has gained a high place in the estimation of the business men with whom he has had dealings. He is honest and upright, and gives conscientious attention to the work entrusted to him.

Mr. Ruch has an enviable record for service in the Civil war. There are three enlistments to his credit. He first served in Company B, 4th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and second in Company A, 3d Regiment of Emergency Men, and third in the Pennsylvania Veteran Heavy Artillery. He suffered from a few minor flesh wounds, but nothing very serious, and after two years of hard service received his honorable discharge. He has a keen sense of humor, and with the intervening years to soften the recollection of suffering and privation, he can relate many interesting and amusing stories. He delights in meeting with his comrades at arms, and is a popular member of the Henry Wilson Post, No. 129, G. A. R. at Milton. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Ruch married Louisa Burnman, daughter

of William and Eliza (Corey) Burnman, of Easton, Pa., but later of Milton. To this union has been born a son, James P., who is associated with his father in business, and who married Cora Holter, and has two children, Catherine and Harriet. Mr. Ruch resides at No. 165 Elm street.

EDWARD M. LEADER, senior member of the firm of Leader, Hamilton & Co., one of the oldest established clothing houses in Shamokin, has for many years been recognized as one of the successful and progressive business men of the city. His parents, Edward and Hettie (Wanner) Leader, were residents of Berks county, near Reading, Pa., where Edward M. was born June 2, 1859. At the age of nine he made his home with his brother, C. C. Leader, at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., being educated in the public schools of that town, and in the year 1875 accompanied his brother to Shamokin, being employed for several years by the firm of Leader, Muir & Co. After this he conducted successfully a dry goods and notion business on his own account on Sunbury street, later purchasing part of the interest of R. G. Eisenhart, of the firm of Leader & Eisenhart, and under the firm name of C. C. Leader & Bro. continuing the manufacture and sale of clothing, dry goods and ladies' wear, on Independence street, until the year 1889. The association was then dissolved by division of the stock, the dry goods being removed to a new building erected by C. C. Leader, while E. M. Leader remained in the old location, and occupied the entire building in the manufacturing of clothing and sale of men's wear. In 1899 Mr. I. Spencer Hamilton, a brother-in-law of E. M. Leader, became associated with him under the firm name of Leader & Hamilton, and in 1909 Mr. W. J. Salter became a member of the present firm of Leader, Hamilton & Co. This enterprising firm have few if any real competitors within the borough of Shamokin, occupying a store room 38 by 110 feet in dimensions on the first floor, stocked with men's clothing, furnishings, hats, shoes and ladies' garments, while the second and third floors are occupied by the merchant tailoring department, trunks, bags and surplus stock.

Mr. Leader has not confined his attention wholly to the mercantile business, but has been active in various enterprises that have been essential to the growth and advancement of the community, being a member of the Board of Trade, as also the Business Men's Association. Always active in the welfare of the town and the success of its industries, he was president of the Shamokin and Coal Township Light & Power Company from its inception, this company absorbing and consolidating all the light and gas companies of the town, later sold to a New York and Philadelphia syndicate now known as The Pennsylvania Lighting Company, of which Mr. Leader remains a director. He



was also president of the Middlecreek Electric Company, of Sunbury, Pa., who are operating plants at Sunbury, Selinsgrove and Northumberland, Pa.; is a director of the United Telephone Company and of a number of local telephone companies; secretary and director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company; treasurer and director of the Penn Mining Company of New Mexico; director of the W. P. Zartman Lumber Company; director of the Greenough Coal and Coke Company, of Kentucky, and interested in other industries.

Fraternally Mr. Leader is a Mason, a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, Royal Arch Chapter No. 264, and Shamokin Commandery, No. 77; of Rajah Temple, of Reading; and a thirty-second-degree member of Williamsport Consistory. He is also a member of Camp No. 149, P. O. S. of A., of Shamokin. Mr. Leader is and has been for many years an elder and trustee of the Presbyterian Church of Shamokin.

On Oct. 10, 1888, Mr. Leader was united in marriage with Carrie I. Hamilton, daughter of George Hamilton, of Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

ZIEGLER. The Federal census report of 1790 records Dillman, Andrew and Jacob Ziegler as residents and heads of families in upper Montgomery county, Pa., Dillman with one son above sixteen years of age, one son under sixteen, and two daughters; Andrew with two sons above sixteen, two sons under sixteen, and one daughter; Jacob with two sons above sixteen, one son under sixteen, and three daughters. A number of Montgomery county families came in a sort of colony into Northumberland county, among them the Zieglers, Walts and Weisses; later came the Hallmans, who were from Skippackville, and the Fabingers also came from that county, but after the others named. Eli Neiman moved thence in 1896. There are a number of Zieglers now living in Herndon and the surrounding territory, Jackson township, people of high respectability and substantial worth, who are counted among the best citizens of their communities and do honor to a name long respected in this locality.

Peter Ziegler, the common ancestor of the Zieglers referred to in this article, was a native of Frederick township, Montgomery county, born Dec. 2, 1778. He was a stonemason, and owned a tract of land, living near Ziegler's church. He died June 2, 1856, three miles from Liverpool, in Wildcat Valley, Perry county, and is buried in that county, at St. James' church. His wife, Polly (Kehler), a member of an old Montgomery county family, died Nov. 10, 1876, aged ninety-two years, eleven months, six days. They had children as follows: Andraes or Andrew, Abraham, Alfred, Nancy (married George Neiman), Eliza (married

Isaac Heffelfinger) and Magdalene (married Wiloughby Walt).

Andrew Ziegler, son of Peter, was born Feb. 23, 1810, in Frederick township, Montgomery county, learned the trade of stonemason, and came with his father to Herndon, Northumberland county, where he passed the principal part of his active life. He acquired real estate in that town, where he died April 14, 1891, at the age of eighty-one years, and he is buried there. He and his wife, Catharine (Harner), were Lutherans in religious faith. She died when about forty-five years of age. They had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters: Mary (deceased) married Samuel McKinny, of Herndon; Peter died at Herndon June 25, 1891, aged fifty-four years, twenty-two days; Alfred lives in Kansas (he visited Herndon in 1909); Andrew is a resident of Dalmatia, this county; Absalom is mentioned below; Catharine married William Brown, of Sunbury; Charles lives in the state of Washington.

ABSALOM ZIEGLER, son of Andrew, was born Jan. 12, 1849, below Dalmatia, in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, and in his seventeenth year began to learn the trade of stonemason in his native county. His parents moved to Herndon at that time and there he still resides. He followed his trade until 1907, when he became proprietor of the "Hotel Parrish," in that borough, the owner of the property being his nephew, S. H. McKinny, burgess of Sunbury. Mr. Ziegler has been twice married. His first marriage, which took place in 1875, was to Maria Rebeck, daughter of Isaac Rebeck. She died in 1891, aged thirty-nine years, the mother of children as follows: Isaac I., Lizzie M., Edward, and Alfred N. and Henry B., twins. In 1904 Mr. Ziegler married (second) Malicca Ermogast Willard, widow of Daniel Willard, of Northumberland county, by whom she had three children: Annie, Edward and Milton. The Zieglers are members of the Reformed Church.

Abraham Ziegler, son of Peter, was born in Montgomery county, and came to Northumberland county about 1840. He was a stonemason and farmer, and operated a sawmill at Herndon. It burned down in 1871 or 1872, entailing a heavy loss, and he then moved out to Missouri with his wife, four sons and one daughter. In the new location he settled down to farming and prospered, retiring several years before his death, which occurred at Piedmont, Wayne Co., Mo., when he was ninety-two years old. He is buried out there. He married Catharine Walt, daughter of Solomon Walt, of Montgomery county, Pa., and they had a family of ten children, that reached maturity, namely: Henry, who went west; Peter; Andrew, who died at Herndon, Pa.; Catharine, who went West; Solomon and David, who went West; Dan-



iel, who died out West; Benjamin and William, both of whom went West; and Sallie, of Sunbury, wife of Fred Flemming. Two others died young.

Peter Ziegler, son of Abraham, was born June 21, 1839, was a farmer during his active years, and died Nov. 4, 1907, at Herndon, where he is buried. He married Charlotte Snyder, daughter of George Snyder, of Jackson township, who is now living at Herndon beside her son George E., the only child of this marriage.

GEORGE E. ZIEGLER, only child of Peter and Charlotte (Snyder) Ziegler, was born March 13, 1862, in Jackson township, Northumberland county, and was reared to farm life, following agricultural pursuits in his native township until 1897. In the year 1890 he built a nice residence on River street, in the borough of Herndon, where he has since resided. He still owns considerable farm land, owning half of White island, in the Susquehanna river, and a small farm in Jackson township. Mr. Ziegler has been a useful citizen of the borough, served as one of its first councilmen, and is especially well known for his activity in church and Sunday school work. He is a zealous member of the Reformed Church, has held all the church offices, has served as Sunday school superintendent, and since 1897 has been organist of the church. His wife is a Lutheran.

In 1882 Mr. Ziegler married Alice Tressler, daughter of Joseph and Polly (Peiffer) Tressler, who died in December, 1908, aged seventy-two years. To Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler have been born one son and two daughters: Tama married Nelson Wentzel, who is employed in the post office department at Washington, D. C., where they reside; Calvin graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1903 and is now in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Philadelphia; Jennie married Lloyd J. Tressler, of Herndon (died Oct. 18, 1910).

Alfred Ziegler, son of Peter and Polly (Kehler) Ziegler, was born May 6, 1825, in Frederick township, Montgomery county, was a stonemason and farmer, and lived at Herndon, where he owned his home. He died Jan. 20, 1897, and is buried at Herndon. Mr. Ziegler was a member of the Reformed Church, and in political matters was a Republican. His wife, Harriet (Batdorf), daughter of John Batdorf, was born Oct. 5, 1824, and died April 16, 1878, aged fifty-three years. She was first buried at Liverpool, Pa., but her remains have since been moved to Herndon. Ten children were born to their union, all of whom survive at the present writing (1911), the youngest now forty-two years old: Polly married John Zaring; Edward is mentioned below; William has been a railroad conductor for thirty-five years on the Philadelphia & Reading road; Elias and Samuel are residents of Herndon; John lives in Harrisburg; J. Monroe is mentioned below; Henry lives at Dal-

matia, this county; Alice married Albert Shuler, of Liverpool; Jennie married Cyrus Hornberger, of Philadelphia.

EDWARD ZIEGLER, son of Alfred, was born Feb. 3, 1849, in Lower Mahanoy, Northumberland county, and passed his early years in farming, to which occupation he was trained from boyhood. When twenty-one he commenced to learn cabinet-making, and when competent engaged in business as a cabinetmaker and undertaker, first at Shendoah, in Schuylkill county, later at Liverpool, in Perry county, and at Watsonstown, in Northumberland county. From Watsonstown he removed in 1874 to Shamokin, where he remained for three years, with R. S. Aucker, in 1877 settling at Herndon. There he carried on the business successfully for a period of twenty-five years, during which time he had charge of about three hundred funerals and did a thriving furniture business. He also built seven houses in the borough, where he has long been regarded as an intelligent, enterprising man, of good judgment and substantial qualities. He built his own nice residence on Main street in 1908. Mr. Ziegler is well thought of in the community, and has refused the candidacy for chief burgess. He is a Republican in politics, and with his family holds membership in the Reformed Church, which he served as deacon for twelve years.

In 1871 Mr. Ziegler married Luzetta Arnold, daughter of Augustus and Leah (Rine) Arnold, of Snyder county, the latter a daughter of Jacob and Catharine Rine. They have no children.

J. MONROE ZIEGLER, son of Alfred, was born Oct. 8, 1858, at Port Treverton, Snyder Co., Pa., and received his education in the schools of Perry county. When twenty-two years old he commenced to learn the trade of cabinetmaker, which he followed as a journeyman some years, working at that calling in his brother Edward's employ five years. He was also engaged as a house carpenter at Shamokin several years. For sixteen years he was porter at the "Herndon House" in Herndon. On Oct. 8, 1903, he purchased the building, stock, good will and fixtures of his brother Edward at Herndon, and has since continued the old established furniture business, carrying a full line. In connection with the store he has a repair shop, doing general repairing. He has managed the business with success, commanding an extensive patronage, and is one of the thriving merchants of the borough.

On Jan. 28, 1887, Mr. Ziegler married Laura Zimmerman, daughter of Peter and Rachel (Kebach) Zimmerman, of Herndon, and they have had two sons: Harry E. and Cloyd E., the latter still at school. Harry E. Ziegler is engaged as a printer at Herndon, employed on the *Star*; he married Mame E. Messner, daughter of Jacob and Emma Messner, of Millersburg, Pennsylvania.



Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler and their family are members of the Reformed Church. Politically he is a Republican, and interested in the local welfare, though he has not taken any active part in public affairs.

FREDERICK. The Fredericks have long been established in Pennsylvania, and Philip Frederick, the ancestor of those of the name with which this sketch is concerned, was born in Union county Feb. 18, 1788, in the early days of the settlement of that region. He was a well known man in the district in his time. His wife, Christian (Brown), born Aug. 6, 1786, died March 28, 1864, and he died Feb. 19, 1852. They are buried at the Dreisbach Church in Union county. In religion they were members of the Reformed denomination. Their children were born as follows: George, Aug. 10, 1809; Elizabeth, May 18, 1812; Joseph, March 11, 1814; Isaac, Feb. 3, 1816; John, Jan. 20, 1819; Jacob, Jan. 19, 1822; Abram, March 3, 1824; Ellis, June 19, 1826; Philip, June 5, 1829.

Joseph Frederick, son of Philip, remained at the old home in Union county until after he had attained his majority. His education was obtained in the pay schools in vogue in the neighborhood in his youth. About seventy-five years ago, with his brothers Isaac and George, he came to what was then Chillisquaque (now East Chillisquaque) township and purchased over three hundred acres of land, which at that time was low and swampy and covered with timber. They improved this tract greatly, clearing away the forest and draining the low places thoroughly, putting in seven miles of underdrains, with the result that the land is now equal to the best in the vicinity. The brothers burned brick, and each built a house and barn, two of the houses remaining to this day, monuments to their energy and skill. For some time they lived together in one house, as one family, and there were no quarrels or ill feeling to mar the pleasant relations for which these brothers were noted, for they were not only brothers in name but much more in the kindliness which marked their association. No jealousy came up between them, though they were always intimately connected in business and home affairs. Each labored for the welfare of the other, and the happiness of their lives was proverbial among all who knew them. Joseph Frederick died March 11, 1892. His wife, Matilda (Myers), born April 18, 1819, died Sept. 18, 1866. They had two sons and one daughter: Samuel; Clara A. E., who married Rev. Aaron Hottenstein and (second) Franklin E. Krumm, and died in January, 1909; and David P.

DAVID P. FREDERICK was born Oct. 3, 1843, in what is now East Chillisquaque township, and there followed farming until his untimely death, Feb. 16, 1876, when he was but thirty-two years old, cut short what promised to be a busy and useful career.

He was a faithful member and conscientious worker of the Reformed Church of Lewisburg, and in politics adhered to the principles of the Democratic party. Mr. Frederick married Emma Caroline Kelly, daughter of David H. and Mary (Baker) Kelly, of Union county, Pa., and their union was blessed with four sons: (1) Joseph H., who lives at Montandon, married Emma M. Bellas and has children, William B. and Caroline E. (2) John Kelly, of Atlantic City, married Jennie Giffen, daughter of James Giffen, and their children are Watson K., Martha G. and Jackson B. (3) W. H. died in 1906. (4) David P., who resides in the old home, married Helen G. Leshner, daughter of Robert Leshner, and has one son, John L.

After her husband's death Mrs. David P. Frederick continued to live in the old home with his father, with whose kind and generous assistance she reared her family. In turn, she was permitted to soothe and comfort his last years, for he lived to the advanced age of seventy-eight, honored and beloved by all who knew him. The farm is now conducted by David P. Frederick, and the property is up-to-date in every respect, the house and barn supplied with pure spring water and lighted by gas, and all the surroundings bespeaking intelligent and thrifty supervision.

Isaac Frederick, son of Philip, was born Feb. 3, 1816, in Union county, and during his boyhood attended the local pay schools, in the summer seasons assisting his father at home. Upon reaching his majority he came with his two older brothers to Northumberland county, purchasing over three hundred acres of land, which they improved as previously related, converting a low, swampy and useless tract into valuable, fertile farm land by their energetic and well directed labors. When their work had progressed sufficiently to give them time for other things, they burned brick and built houses for each family and divided the land, Isaac, the youngest of the three, taking the middle portion. They were neighbors and remained upon the best of terms all their lives. Like his brothers, Isaac Frederick was a fine example of Christian manhood. His home was always open to strangers as well as friends, he had a kind and cheering word for those who were struggling to make their way, and whenever possible assisted those in need. He and his good wife will long be remembered and missed in the community. Mr. Frederick died Sept. 27, 1892. He married Julian Wolfe, born Jan. 18, 1817, who died Jan. 3, 1909, and they were the parents of five children, namely: Christian, born Sept. 29, 1839, married Hiram Dunkell (1837-1905), and died Dec. 9, 1906; they reared a large family. Catharine, born Aug. 5, 1841, married W. H. Mack and reared a large family. Sarah J., born July 11, 1847, married Joseph C. Rishel, who is mentioned elsewhere. Ada L., born Sept.

15, 1850, married Ephraim Datesman. John W. is deceased.

JOHN W. FREDERICK, son of Isaac, was born Sept. 29, 1853, in Chillisquaque (now East Chillisquaque) township, and died Jan. 29, 1904, in the prime of a useful and well spent life. He was diligent in looking after his business affairs, and active in the administration of local public matters, having served on the school board and in other township offices. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a Presbyterian, belonging to the church at Pottsgrove. Possessed of a kind and jovial disposition, he was loved and respected by all who knew him. No one in need ever left his door unaided, and he was never happier than when engaged in kind service. On Nov. 20, 1873, he married Jane E. Kelly, daughter of David H. Kelly, of Union county, Pa., and they had one daughter, Mary E., now the wife of Jonas E. Koch. Mrs. Frederick lives with her daughter in the old home which her husband purchased from the estate upon the death of his father. She is a member of the Pottsgrove Presbyterian Church. With the same kindly and charitable inclinations which made Mr. Frederick so widely beloved, she is an esteemed member of the community, commanding the respect of all who know her.

Col. John Kelly, grandfather of Mrs. David P. Frederick and Mrs. John W. Frederick, was a noted character of Revolutionary days. Born in February, 1744, in Lancaster county, Pa., this honored pioneer was in the full vigor of manhood at the time the oppressed Colonies decided to throw off the English yoke, and his quick intelligence and dauntless courage brought him into prominence from the first. He had already established a home in the wilderness in Buffalo Valley, then a part of Northumberland county, having settled there immediately after the purchase from the Indians in 1768, and before the opening of the land office in 1769. He was about six feet, two inches in height, with a vigorous, muscular frame, which easily endured the labors and hardships of pioneer life. He took an active part in the discussion of the wrongs of the Colonists, which led to the attempt at separation from the mother country, and in 1776 was a member of the first Constitutional Convention of the new State of Pennsylvania. He had had considerable experience as a member of the militia, and at twenty-seven had been appointed major in that service, and he was thus well prepared to assist in the tremendous tasks that confronted the Patriot forces. The fall of 1776 was a dark period. The loss of Forts Washington and Lee with their stores, and the defeat on Long Island, had brought the hopes of the Colonists low, but it was at this critical juncture that the rally was made to drive the British from New Jersey, the wrongs of that Colony being felt by the others as their own. A large force went from Pennsylv-

vania, Colonel Kelly being conspicuous among the number for his ability. Of the brave deeds performed history has a scant but significant record, and to the ordinary dangers of war there was added the prospect of an ignominious death as a rebel, belligerent rights not being acknowledged. We quote from an address made on the occasion of the unveiling of a monument to Colonel Kelly on April 8, 1835: "For three days at a time there was no regular service of provisions, and for more than thirty-six hours, at another time, they were constantly on the march, or in action, without a moment's sleep or giving up their arms. In the course of one of their retreats, the commander-in-chief, through Colonel Potter, sent an order to Major Kelly to have a certain bridge cut down to prevent the advance of the British, who were then in sight. The Major sent for an axe, but represented that the enterprise would be very hazardous. Still the British advance must be stopped and the order was not withdrawn. He said he could not order another to do what some might say he was afraid to do himself; he would cut down the bridge. Before all the logs on which the bridge lay were cut off, he was completely within the range of the British fire, and several balls struck the log on which he stood. The last log broke down sooner than he expected, and he fell with it into the swollen stream. Our soldiers moved on, not believing it possible for him to escape. He, however, by great exertions, reached the shore through the high water and the floating timber, and followed the troops. Encumbered, as he must have been, with his wet and frozen clothes, he, on his road, made a prisoner of a British scout, an armed soldier, and took him into camp. What did Curtius do more than this? If such an instance of devoted heroism had happened in Greece or Rome, the day would have been distinguished from all other days. A medal would have been struck, and every means used to secure the everlasting remembrance of such a deed. In England such a man would have been made a knight or a lord, with the thanks of Parliament. In our poor devoted land such instances were too common to receive especial notice. History mentions that our army was preserved by the destruction of that bridge; but the manner in which it was done, or the name of the person who did it, is not mentioned. It was but one of a series of heroic acts, which happened every day, and our soldiers then were more familiar with the sword than with the pen.

"Major Kelly was present at Trenton, when the Hessians surrendered, and assisted in that most masterly movement on Princeton, by which the chain of communications of the enemy was broken, all their plans deranged and their army compelled to return to New York. After his discharge he returned to his farm and family, and during the three succeeding years the Indians were trouble-



some neighbors to this then frontier settlement. He became colonel of the regiment, and it was his duty to keep watch and ward against the incursions of hostile Indians through our mountain passes. At one time our people were too weak to resist, and our whole beautiful country was abandoned. Colonel Kelly was among the first to return—for at least two harvests reapers took their rifles to the fields, and some of the company watched while others wrought. Colonel Kelly had the principal command of the scouting parties in this valley, and very often he was out in person. Many and many nights has he lain among the limbs of a fallen tree to keep himself out of the mud, without a fire, because a fire would indicate his position to the enemy. He had become well skilled in their mode of warfare. One circumstance deserves particular notice. The Indians seem to have resolved on his death, without choosing to attack him openly. One night he had reason to apprehend they were near. He rose in the morning, and, by looking through the crevices of his log house, he ascertained that two, at least, if not more, were lying with their arms, so as to shoot him when he should open his door. He fixed his own rifle and took his position so that by a string he could open the door and watch the Indians. The moment he pulled the door open two balls came into the house, and the Indians rose to advance. He fired and wounded one, and both retreated. After waiting to satisfy himself that no others remained he followed them by the blood, but they escaped.

"For many years Colonel Kelly held the office of a magistrate of the county. In the administration of justice, he exhibited the same anxiety to do right, and the same disregard of selfish gain, which had characterized him in the military service of the country. He would at any time forego his own fees, and if the parties were poor pay the constable's cost, to procure a compromise; while, by industry and economy, his own pecuniary circumstances were comfortable and easy, he seemed to desire the prosperity of all men, and most anxiously to desire that all neighbors should be friends. No man ever in vain sought his interposition, to reconcile conflicting interests, to soothe angry passions, to stand as the defender and protector of the poor man; the widow and the orphan. He obeyed the injunction, 'be given to hospitality.' It is true that so general is the hospitality of his neighborhood that the want of it would be considered a great vice; but in him it was a part of the same character, indicating a freedom from selfishness, an inability to enjoy fully God's bounties alone; a feeling that a good thing is rendered far more valuable by participation; and a conviction that the diffusion of happiness is not merely right in itself, but the source of great joy to every well regulated mind. Colonel Kelly was an affectionate

husband and a kind and judicious father, as well as a friendly and hospitable neighbor. He was a sincere and an exemplary Christian, and adorned all his other virtues by exhibiting a pattern of humility well worthy of imitation. Having no anxieties who should be greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven, he had no striving who should be greatest in the Church on earth; his profession of religion was well sustained by his practice. He had that true characteristic of bravery, an indisposition to fight his battles over again, and that feeling of humility, that where a man has only done his duty, boasting has no place. It is in some measure owing to this reserve that our notice of his life must be so brief and so imperfect. He seemed not to know that other men would have done differently from him; but to believe that whatever distinguished him from others arose mainly from the circumstances under which he acted. We are of another generation, and his contemporaries have either gone down to the grave, or through lapse of time and failing faculties are unable to give particular details. From himself, but a few gleanings from a life long and full of incidents, have been obtained.

"His last end proved his character to be consistent. He met the grim messenger calmly; 'for he knew in whom he had trusted'; and he could 'walk through the valley and shadow of death, fearing no evil.' The frame was bent, and the muscles relaxed; but the mind—the immortal mind—could not be obscured. It brightened more and more 'unto the perfect day.' At the age of eighty-eight years he departed, leaving his memory to our care and his virtues for our imitation." Colonel Kelly's death occurred Feb. 18, 1832.

Colonel Kelly married Sarah Polk, who died Jan. 2, 1831, aged seventy-seven years, and they reared a numerous family, of whom David H. was the youngest; John, the eldest son, who settled in Penn's Valley, was the father of Hon. James K. Kelly, United States senator, of Portland, Oregon; James also made his home in Penn's Valley; William, who married a daughter of Archibald Allison, of Center county, died Jan. 27, 1830; Andrew, born Oct. 30, 1783, died Sept. 25, 1867, unmarried; Samuel settled in Armstrong county, Pa.; Elizabeth married Simeon Howe; Mary married John Campbell, of Lewisburg; Robert died April 12, 1865, aged seventy-seven; Joseph died March 2, 1860, aged sixty-six.

David H. Kelly was born Nov. 5, 1798, on the old homestead, in a house built by Colonel Kelly before the Revolutionary war. He was reared as a farmer boy, his father's extensive estates affording him plenty of work as his strength developed, and his education was obtained in the subscription schools of that time. His mind was of a high order, and the limited instruction of his early days was so supplemented by study and ob-



servation that he became well informed upon several topics, and his opinions were held in high respect by his associates. He was a staunch Democrat in politics, and held every office in Kelly township except that of justice of the peace. In 1859 he was elected county commissioner. In religious matters he was also active, adhering to the doctrines of the Reformed Church and attending regularly the Union Church at Mazeppa, in which he served many years as an official. He followed farming exclusively, and although he owned a gristmill at Kelly Cross Roads he did not operate it. He was six feet tall, and weighed 180 pounds, and his robust and well built frame enabled him to do much hard work as well as to perform some notable feats in hunting and fishing, of which sports he was very fond. His home life was pleasant, and he delighted in gathering about him a gay company of neighbors for whom he would evoke sweet strains from his violin, visitors often gathering at his house to dance an evening through. On Feb. 10, 1831, he married Mary Baker, who was born Feb. 8, 1812, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Rockey) Baker, and resided until her marriage upon the same farm. Their first home was upon an estate in Kelly township given to David H. Kelly by his father, but in the spring of 1858 he bought another farm in Buffalo township which was at one time owned by Wendell Baker, a well known pioneer of Buffalo Valley. Both these farms descended to the heirs together with a large tract of mountain land. David H. Kelly died Feb. 11, 1875, and was buried in Baker's cemetery, where all the deceased members of the family have been interred except his son David S. Mrs. David H. Kelly, who survived her husband and reached an advanced age, died in her ninety-third year. We have the following record of the large family of children born to David H. and Mary (Baker) Kelly: John A., born in Kelly township Nov. 21, 1831, occupies the farm in Buffalo township, Union county, upon which his father spent his last years; Catherine R., born April 18, 1833, married Dr. L. B. Meyers, of Fremont, Ohio, who died Dec. 24, 1896; Jacob B., born Sept. 6, 1834, died June 7, 1891, in Kelly township; Sarah E., born June 14, 1836, is the widow of Joseph Kleckner, of Buffalo township; Robert H., born Feb. 14, 1838, was a student of pharmacy, and died Nov. 26, 1860, at Elmore, Ohio; William W., born Dec. 29, 1839, is a druggist at Ottawa, Ohio; Mary A., born Dec. 3, 1841, married J. S. McCreight, of Lewisburg, Pa.; James B., born June 28, 1844, died Feb. 8, 1884, in Buffalo township; Emma Caroline, born April 1, 1846, is the widow of David P. Frederick; David S., born Dec. 21, 1847, was a merchant of Fremont, Ohio, and died Sept. 10, 1887, at San Jacinto, Cal., while traveling for his health, and was buried at Ottawa, Ohio, where his widow, Mrs.

Annie (Hauk) Kelly, is living; Jané E., born Nov. 29, 1849, is the widow of John W. Frederick; H. Brady, born Oct. 17, 1851, resides in Buffalo township, Union county; Clara M., born July 25, 1854, died April 22, 1856; a son, born Feb. 27, 1858, died in infancy.

BECK. The brothers William H. and John A. Beck, of Milton, Northumberland county, both identified with the manufacturing concern of S. J. Shimer & Sons, in that borough, the former as secretary, and the latter also in business for himself as a florist, are descendants of a family which has been established in Pennsylvania for a century and a half.

Johann Thomas Beck, the common ancestor of this branch of the family, was born in Germany, in what was then the countship of Hanau. In 1752, with his wife Esther and children, he embarked for America, but he never reached the new land, dying at sea. The family landed at Philadelphia, where the widow again married, and the children became scattered. One son, Henry, went to Berks county, Pa., married Margaret Wolfgang, and reared a family of seven children. The other son, John, settled in Northampton county, where he lived and died. Three of his sons, Jacob, John and Henry, settled in White Deer Valley in the early part of the nineteenth century. Of these,

John Beck married Elizabeth Snyder, a native of Northampton county, and later they settled in Center county, where they reared their family, which comprised the following children: Daniel, John G., Sarah, Mary, Charles Simon, Catharine, Henry, Joseph, Margaret, Elizabeth and Susan.

Jacob Beck, son of John and grandson of Johann Thomas, settled in Lycoming county, near Alvira, Pa. He is buried at the Messiah Church near that place. He was a large land owner and followed farming all his life. His family was large, viz.: Charles lived and died in Lycoming county; Henry and Peter lived and died in Lycoming county; Benjamin is mentioned below; Catharine married John Breon; Mary married Mahlon Bower; George and William lived and died in Lycoming county; Hannah married Mr. Wenrick; Thomas lived and died in Lycoming county.

Benjamin Beck, son of Jacob, was born in 1814 in Northampton county and removed with his father to Lycoming county. In early life he learned stone cutting, which he continued to follow after he took up farming, having purchased a farm in Montour county, about three miles east of Pottsgrove, Pa. He was thus engaged to the close of his life, dying in his prime, April 16, 1863, at the age of forty-nine years. He married Eliza Denter, of Northampton county, born in 1818, who died Dec. 22, 1882, and they are buried at Center Church, in Liberty township, Montour county.



They were members of the Center Lutheran Church. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Beck: Matilda, who married William Gaskins, of Danville, Pa.; Catharine, who married William R. Miller; George A.; William H.; Ella, who married Charles Weinland; and John A.

WILLIAM H. BECK was born April 9, 1852, in Liberty township, Montour county, and there received his early education in the public schools, also attending the Franklin select school for one term, during the period it was taught by Charles Leshner. He was also a student at the Milton high school. For a time he was employed as clerk in the general store of Heinen & Schreyer, after which he took a course at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and on his return to Milton entered the employ of the Adams Express Company. He was engaged by that company as driver four years, at the end of that time being promoted to the agency, which he held for five years. In 1881 he resigned to accept a position as bookkeeper in the establishment of S. J. Shimer & Sons, with which concern, one of the most important in Milton, he has since been associated. A year after entering the employ of the firm he was sent, upon the death of the father of George and Samuel J. Shimer, to Northampton county to superintend the construction of a new plant, remaining there one year. Upon the completion of the plant he returned to Milton, where he took charge of the order department, in this capacity traveling widely for the firm. In 1903, when a corporation was formed without change of name, Mr. Beck was elected secretary, which position he has since filled. He has proved a valuable member of the corporation, the condition of whose business has a material bearing on the well-being of the borough.

In various relations outside of business Mr. Beck has proved a useful citizen, his aid and influence counting for much in the promotion of many desirable local enterprises. For six years he was a member of the Milton borough council, and as an active worker in the councils of his party, the Republican, he has assisted in securing creditable candidates for local offices, having served as committeeman and as borough chairman. For years he was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, which he served as deacon, trustee and financial secretary, superintendent of the Sunday school and teacher of the Bible class, extending his Sunday school work to activity in the County Sunday School Association, of which he was recording and corresponding secretary, and is still a member of the executive committee. He now attends the Presbyterian Church, where he teaches the men's Bible class. For a number of years Mr. Beck was district president of the Y. M. C. A., his district embracing Northumberland, Union, Snyder, Lycoming, Montour and Colum-

bia counties, and he was also president of the local organization. Fraternally he unites with the Royal Arcanum and for six years was district deputy grand regent.

Mr. Beck married Anna M. Angstadt, who was born Nov. 28, 1850, daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Eckbert) Angstadt, and died Aug. 23, 1891; she is interred in Harmony cemetery, at Milton. Three daughters were born to this union: Lottie, who is married to Walter J. Nail and has one son, William; Lulu J., who is at home; and Elenora E., now a student at Wilson Seminary.

JOHN A. BECK, son of Benjamin and brother of William H., was born May 11, 1858, in Montour county, Pa. He received his education in the public schools, but his father dying when he was very young he has had to make his own way from an early age, and his education has been mostly of the practical kind. For several years after commencing to work steadily he was employed on farms in his own county and in Northumberland county, in 1876 locating in the borough of Milton, where he has since made his home. In 1879 he entered the employ of S. J. Shimer & Sons, as clerk, and has served in such position ever since, his long experience in this capacity making his services most valuable. However, he has also had other business interests, having for almost twenty years, since 1891, been conducting a greenhouse at No. 319 Hepburn street, where he also has his home. He makes a specialty of cut flowers and floral designs, and his taste for the work, combined with industry and good management, has made his venture profitable.

Mr. Beck married Ella Hill, daughter of Charles and Kate (Hause) Hill, and they have one son, Charles L. The family are Lutherans in religious connection. Mr. Beck has been quite active in borough affairs, having served eleven years as member of the council. He is a Republican in political affiliation, and socially is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

RAKER. The Raker family, to which the late Cornelius Raker, of Shamokin, belonged, is of German extraction, the founder of the name in America coming from Baden, near Wurtemberg, Germany, and settling in Montgomery county, Pa., where he lived and died.

Conrad Raker, son of the emigrant ancestor, was born in Montgomery county and came to Northumberland county among the pioneers. After his marriage he settled at Augustaville, in Rockefeller township, whence he moved two years later to Little Mahanoy township, following farming there until his death. He is buried at Raker. He was a prominent man in his day in public and church affairs, serving as county commissioner in 1837 and 1838, and helping to build two churches, the Emanuel's Lutheran in Little Mahanoy township



and the Stone Church at Augustaville. In politics he was a Democrat. Conrad Raker married Rebecca Dunkelberger, of Northumberland county, daughter of Frederick, and they had children as follows: John, who died in Ashland county, Ohio; Kate; Frederick; Jacob, who died in Little Mahanoy township; William, who died in Little Mahanoy township; Enoch D., who died in Little Mahanoy township June 23, 1888, aged sixty-six years, sixteen days, and is buried at Little Mahanoy Church (his wife died Sept. 25, 1903, aged seventy-six years, five months, twenty-one days); Isaac D., born Dec. 6, 1825, who lived at Shamokin and died March 11, 1907 (his wife, Phoebe A., born Dec. 6, 1834, died April 5, 1890); Barbara, who married George Sordogn and died in Upper Augusta township; Maria, who married Joseph Gass and died in Upper Augusta township; Esther, who married Daniel Zartman and died in Lower Augusta township; and Mary, who married Elias Peiffer and died at Raker. (N. B.: Conrad's wife's name is given Rebecca here, while in another account it appears as Barbara; if it was Barbara, then the following dates, from Little Mahanoy cemetery, apply to Conrad and wife: Conrad Raker, born in Montgomery county, Pa., June 7, 1778, died Sept. 4, 1849; his wife Barbara, nee Dunckel, born April 5, 1779, died Dec. 17, 1838.)

Frederick Raker, son of Conrad, was born Dec. 21, 1804, in what is now Rockefeller township, and spent all but three or four years of his life in his native county. He went to Lycoming county after his marriage and returning to Northumberland settled in Little Mahanoy township. He was a blacksmith by trade, and also followed carpentering and farming. He died in Little Mahanoy Aug. 4, 1844, and is buried at Raker. Like his father he was a well-known and active citizen of his section, serving as justice of the peace and taking a prominent part in the work of the Lutheran Church. He was a Democrat in politics.

In 1825 Mr. Raker married Elizabeth Hoffman, daughter of John and Susanna (Drumheller) Hoffman, who settled in Washington township, this county, in 1813. Mrs. Raker was born in District township, Berks county, in 1806, and survived her husband, dying at the age of eighty-seven. She is buried at Raker. The following children were born to this union: Conrad H. is mentioned below; Susanna died young; Jeremiah married Jane Martin; Harriet married (first) Israel Dunkelberger and (second) Samuel Dornsife, whom she also survived; Catharine married Samuel Frederick; John H. died Jan. 14, 1862, while serving in the Civil war, at Rolla, Missouri.

Conrad H. Raker was born Nov. 8, 1828, and was about three years old when his parents returned to Northumberland county. He attended the local schools and was reared to farming, at

which he assisted his father for a time, until he commenced to learn the gunsmith's trade. He followed that in connection with farming in Little Mahanoy township, where with the exception of four years spent in the Western States he always lived. In 1899 Mr. Raker removed to Shamokin, where he has since lived in retirement. He was quite active in local affairs while a resident of Little Mahanoy, serving as school director and auditor of the township, and was the first postmaster at Raker, holding the office seven years. Raker station and postoffice were named in his honor. He is a Democrat in politics and, like the members of the family generally, a member of the Lutheran Church, which he served as trustee.

On April 27, 1856, Mr. Raker married Susan Dornsife, who was born March 22, 1832, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Herb) Dornsife, and died Nov. 5, 190—; she is buried at Raker. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Raker, as follows: Dr. Frederick Daniel is a resident of Shamokin; Mary Elizabeth married Alvin Raker, of Shamokin, and they have three children, Florence, Helen and Walter; Rev. John Henry, a graduate of Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, is a Lutheran minister now stationed at Allentown, Pa. (he is married and has two children, Ruth and Reberta); Lydia J. married John Schlegel, of Shamokin, and has one child, Clarence; Ida married John Hilbush, lives in Shamokin, and has two children, Edward and Susan; Hattie, who married Samuel Moyer and lives in Shamokin, has two children, Francis and Lydia; Albert is living on the old homestead at Raker; Susan died in infancy; Conrad, twin of Susan, lives in Lower Mahanoy township, is married, and has one son, Frederick; Edward, who studied at Muhlenberg College, now an attorney at law of Shamokin, is married and has two children, Marion and Grace; one son died in infancy.

Jacob Raker, son of Conrad and grandson of the emigrant, was born April 26, 1808, in Little Mahanoy township, and was one of the well known citizens of that locality in his day. He followed farming, and died in Little Mahanoy Dec. 28, 1859, aged fifty-one years. His wife, Rebecca (Zartman), born Jan. 4, 1813, died June 12, 1883. They had children as follows: Lucinda, Harry, William, Enoch, Daniel Z. (died July 13, 1898, aged sixty-two years, two months, twenty-four days; his wife, Annie, died Aug. 20, 1905, aged seventy years, ten months, fourteen days), Abbie, Rebecca, Conrad, Samuel (deceased), Cornelius, Alice, and Joseph, the last named deceased.

CORNELIUS RAKER, son of Jacob, was born March 14, 1838, in Little Mahanoy, near Raker, and was reared upon the farm in his native township. When a young man he went to Washington, D. C., and there learned photography, in the



fall of 1865 locating in Shamokin, where he was the pioneer in his line of work. He followed it until his retirement in 1890, enjoying a steady and profitable patronage, and naturally was widely known in the borough and vicinity, where he had a high reputation for first-class work and courtesy to patrons which was his best advertisement in all the long years of his business career. Though a man of unassuming life and quiet habits he was considered a most useful and desirable citizen, and his death, which occurred June 1, 1901, was regarded as a loss throughout Shamokin, where he had many friends and well wishers. He is buried in Shamokin cemetery. Mr. Raker accumulated considerable valuable real estate; he bought his first lot, on Independence street, for \$55, and the advance in values is well illustrated by the statement that it is now among the most valuable property in the borough. Mr. Raker was a member of the Methodist Church.

On July 26, 1865, Mr. Raker married Mary E. Machamer, daughter of Israel Machamer, and three children were born to them: Emma, who married (first) Thaddeus B. Strine, by whom she had one son, Harry C., and (second) L. W. Smith, a druggist of Shamokin; Elizabeth, deceased; and Elmer E., who died April 26, 1911. Mrs. Raker resides at the old home, No. 148 East Independence street.

John Machamer, Mrs. Raker's grandfather, was a tailor, and followed his trade at Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa. Later he went West, where he died. His children were: Eli, an attorney, who died at Leavenworth, Kans.; Israel; John, who died in the West; Mary, and Julia.

Israel Machamer, father of Mrs. Raker, was born at Lewisburg, Pa., and learned the trade of his father, which he followed for many years. For a long time he was located at White Deer, Union county, removing thence to Trevorton, where he died in 1880; he is buried at Shamokin. Mr. Machamer married Susan Knauss, daughter of Benjamin Knauss, who died at the age of ninety-four years. Mrs. Machamer, born Oct. 16, 1820, is now the oldest resident of Shamokin. She enjoys good health and a clear, bright mind, discussing the topics of the day with interest and intelligence, and enjoying life as she deserves to do. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Machamer: Margaret married Peter Metz and died in Shamokin; Mary E. is the widow of Cornelius Raker; Clara became the wife of Herbert Ward, of Trevorton, where she died; Benjamin lives in Trevorton; Katie was the wife of John Smith, of Trevorton, where she died; John, Emma and Matilda all died young.

HENRY M. EMERICK, M. D., physician and surgeon, and a leading citizen of the borough of Milton in his private as well as his professional

capacity, has been settled there since 1892. He has established an extensive practice, and for real worth as a member of the community he ranks among the residents of the borough who have worked steadily along lines for its advancement.

Dr. Emerick's grandfather, John George Emerick, was the first of the family in Northumberland county, whither he came from Schuylkill county, Pa., with his brother Michael. They settled in Lower Mahanoy township, on adjoining farms. Michael married, but had no children. John George Emerick, besides following farming, built a tannery on his place and conducted it for many years, becoming particularly well known in that connection. He and his wife, Magadela (Zartman), died on the farm and are buried at the old Stone Valley church, near Hickory Corners, in Lower Mahanoy township. Their children were: George died in Uniontown, Pa.; John died in Illinois; Elias was the father of Dr. Emerick; Michael died in Jordan township; Joseph, born in 1834, now living in Sunbury, married (first) Sarah Wert and had six children, Henry M., Charles L., George W., Sarah J., Mary M. and Minnie Alice, and (second) Sophrona Elizabeth Krosteder, by whom he had no children.

Elias Emerick, son of John George, was born in 1826 at the old home in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. In 1852 he moved to Lower Augusta township, this county, where he purchased the old Clark farm, upon which was the hotel called the "Lower Augusta Inn," or during his day more commonly known as "Emerick's Hotel," situated on the old Tulpebocken road. He conducted the farm and hotel until 1867, after which he gave all his time to farming for three years, at the end of that time engaging in the mercantile business, which he continued until he sold out, in 1875. He then moved to Selinsgrove, Pa., and engaged in the coal business, which he followed until his death, which occurred at Selinsgrove in 1892; he is buried at the Stone Church in Lower Augusta township.

Mr. Emerick married Anna Mary Stine, a native of Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, daughter of John Stine. Mrs. Emerick died in 1880, at the age of fifty-two years. She was the mother of eight children: Louisa J., who married John M. Boyer, their home being at Selinsgrove, Pa.; Henry M.; Benjamin Franklin, a well known druggist and leading business man of Carlisle, Pa., who died in 1910; Martin L., a physician, also of Carlisle, and four children who died young.

Henry M. Emerick, son of Elias, was born in 1854 in Lower Augusta township, and received his early education in the public schools near his boyhood home. Later he attended Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, and there also he began reading medicine, under the well known Dr. J. W. Sheets, who was then located at Selinsgrove.



Entering the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., he graduated in 1880, since which time he has been in continuous practice. He made his first location after graduating at Pottsgrove, Pa., where he remained twelve years, in 1892 removing to Milton, which has since been his home and field of practice. Dr. Emerick has won the confidence of his fellow citizens as much by his personal merits as by his medical skill, and his standing among his fellow practitioners is equally high. He holds membership in the Lycoming County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. His time has naturally been almost entirely absorbed by his professional duties, but he has served as school director at Milton, his interest in the cause of education and his high standards making him a valuable member of the board. In politics he is a Republican.

Dr. Emerick married Feb. 23, 1882, Anna M. Voris, daughter of Gilbert and Harriet (McWilliams) Voris, and granddaughter of John Voris. They have one daughter, Harriet A., who graduated from Bucknell Seminary in 1903, and subsequently attended Lasell Seminary, at Auburn-dale, Massachusetts.

COLEMAN K. SOBER, of Lewisburg, Pa., is as much a citizen of Northumberland county as he is of the former place. He belongs to a family which has been settled in this county for a hundred and fifty years, since pioneer times; he himself is a native of the county, and the care of the extensive landed interests he retains here has kept him in touch with the affairs of the locality, where his value to the community is universally recognized. Mr. Sober has been a successful man from the worldly standpoint. His profitable operations in lumber, covering many years of an unusually energetic career, would alone entitle him to that distinction. But he has led a life useful to others as well as to himself. His active intellect has enabled him to discover more than mere business opportunities in the pursuit of his various ventures; and his inquiring mind has led him into investigations which have yielded much of real utility and added definitely to the sum total of serviceable knowledge. In practical illustration of this tendency of Mr. Sober's may be mentioned his chief interest in Northumberland county, the extensive chestnut groves on the mountainsides that inclose the beautiful Irish Valley, the outgrowth of an experiment which has attracted attention all over the country. It is the only commercial chestnut grove in a sufficiently advanced stage of development to permit an estimate to be formed of the possibilities of such an enterprise.

Mr. Sober is a native of this region, born Nov. 24, 1842, at the old homestead of his parents in

Northumberland county, seven miles from Shamokin. His ancestors were among the pioneers of the county, where the family has been settled for a hundred and fifty years. His grandparents were Samuel and Isabella (Moore) Sober.

Isaac Sober, father of Coleman K. Sober, was a native and lifelong resident of Northumberland county, where he was a wealthy and influential agriculturist. He was born Feb. 23, 1814, and died June 12, 1882. His wife, Mary (Krichbaum), daughter of George and Barbara (Reed) Krichbaum, was also of Northumberland county birth, and ten children were born to their union, namely: Freeman W., who was a farmer in Virginia, where he died; Harriet, wife of Samuel Swinehart, of Northumberland county, Pa.; Coleman K.; Clinton D., a farmer and dairyman of Northumberland county (he is a great shot with the gun); Isabella, widow of F. W. Gilder, who died in Philadelphia, Pa.; Barbara Ann, widow of Mahlon C. Moyer, who died in Shamokin; Amanda, deceased, who was the wife of George Startzel, of Shamokin; Adeline, deceased, wife of A. J. Campbell; Martin Luther (another phenomenal shot in the family, and in whom Mr. Sober says he finds the nearest approach to a rival in game shooting); and Clara, wife of ex-County Treasurer D. S. Hollibaugh, M. D., a prominent physician of Shamokin.

Mrs. Sober was not only an excellent rifle shot, but also an expert mechanic. She was the only child of a famous gunmaker of the Susquehanna Valley in his day—the latter part of the eighteenth and the early part of the nineteenth century—and many a time in her girlhood she assisted her father in his shop. Her skill in shooting was acquired in testing the guns turned out in the shop, and so adept was she that with her own hands she manufactured a gun that became the property of her future husband.

Coleman K. Sober remained at home up to the age of eighteen, his summers being spent in farm work, and his winters in study at the neighboring schools. So well did he improve these educational opportunities that he prepared himself for teaching, and on leaving home in 1860 he engaged in that profession with such success that he continued it for eighteen terms with increasing reputation. His vacations were spent in study at higher schools, or in various occupations, such as pumping oil in the oil regions of the State, working in a sawmill, in blast furnaces, or in the rolling mills at Danville, Pa. His industry knew no bounds, and when he had a "night turn" he would take contracts to unload coal boats or draw board rafts during the day.

Among the higher schools he attended was the Danville Academy. In 1854, at the close of his term there, he found himself obliged to look around for work of some kind, his circumstances,



Coleman K. Sober

1878

[Decorative flourish]



financially, not being the best, and he was too proud to accept any assistance from his father. It so happened that one of his schoolmates, a lad by the name of C. R. Savidge (now judge of Northumberland county), having exhausted all his means, was obliged to seek some kind of employment before the term of school came to a close, and procured work at corn husking for a farmer named William Fox. Through this old school "chum" young Sober, now twenty-two years old, and of slight build, made application to William Fox for similar work. The latter, however, having "sized up" the youthful applicant, remarked that he was too light for such a task, and that his earnings thereat would be very meagre (the corn shocks were cut 7x9, or sixty-three hills). Nevertheless, the lad's application being favorably received, he began work on the following morning, at five cents a shock, and when night came it was found that he had husked no less than eighty-six shocks. Mr. Fox having left the farm for a few days, a report was made to Mrs. Fox by some of the hands of the rapid work done by the new man, whereupon she immediately sent for Mr. Sober and informed him that he was discharged for the reason that he "would break her husband up!"; his commissions amounted to \$4.30 for this day's work. He thereupon demanded settlement and his pay; but Mrs. Fox being unprovided with necessary funds, young Sober was permitted to remain at work until her husband's return. On the latter's arrival home, and on his learning of this phenomenal record in husking, he at once set about to investigate whether or not the work was well done. In his examination he failed to find a single stalk with an ear remaining unhusked. All this might be counted a mystery were it not explained away by the fact that Mr. Sober accomplished with *two* motions what others required *four* to do.

Another anecdote, bearing on Mr. Sober's innate skill and natural adaptability to existing circumstances, is recorded of him in quite a different trend. "The hammer in the hand above all the arts doth stand" is a well known adage, and Mr. Sober's present expertness with the anvil is better known than is his boyhood experience with one, as here related. When he was a sixteen-year-old lad he had a long distance to tramp to school, and about midway between his home and the schoolhouse was a blacksmith shop or "smithy," where on cold days he would stop to warm himself and watch the smith forging horseshoe nails, etc. One day young Sober asked permission of this son of Vulcan to make a horseshoe nail, whereupon the latter laughingly asked the lad if he was aware that to learn to do such a job properly required usually a full year's apprenticeship. Nevertheless, the undaunted stripling insisted upon being allowed to try his hand, at least, and

after but five attempts he presented to the astonished blacksmith a perfect nail ready for use.

In 1880 Mr. Sober became employed by the day by Beecher & Zimmerman, lumbermen, who, quickly realizing his ability, at the end of the month offered to receive him into the firm. He accordingly purchased a one-third interest, and at the death of Mr. Zimmerman, a year or two later, he bought half of the deceased's interest, thus becoming half owner of the entire business. The firm, the Glen Union Lumber Company, which is one of the largest lumber concerns in the State, its offices and freight depot being situated at Glen Union, in Clinton county, now owns over 45,000 acres of the best timberland in the State of Pennsylvania, employment being given to a small army of one hundred men. The sawmills turn out each month one and a half million feet of sawed lumber, and at least 125 carloads of prop timber per month. In this connection it might not be out of place to cite an illustration of Mr. Sober's business acumen and foresight. His first purchase of prop timber was 1,100 acres bought "on the stump," and by the ton, at fifty cents per ton, and he immediately arranged for its transportation by rail, securing a reduction of fifty cents per ton (just the sum the timber cost him) from the regular rate; thus his purchase in reality cost him nothing, while at the same time he was the first in the United States to buy, sell and transport timber by the pound.

Mr. Sober became the head and front of this concern, everything being under his supervision, he giving his attention mainly to the field work of the company, his special province being the examination of timberland and the direction of operations in the woods. Independent of the Glen Union plant, he conducts an extensive personal business; his shipments for the fourteen years beginning Jan. 1, 1897, to Jan. 1, 1911, being 18,140 carloads, or an average of 1,295 carloads per year, of prop timber, pulpwood, lumber and hay. His administrative and executive ability is well exemplified in the generalship he displays in handling and controlling his many employees, something that in the lumber woods requires no little tact and discretion. He is a master of every detail of his business, and has never had a mechanic in his employ to whom he could not teach something, while he often finds points in the machinery of his plant upon which, perfect though it may seem, he could suggest some improvement. This comprehensive grasp of detail is characteristic of the man: and it is also said of him that wherever and whenever he sees an *effect* he is sure to find the *cause*—that is, in anything that may interest him. He is so thorough a business man, and so prominent as a citizen, that it would be injustice to him to give undue prominence even to his marvelous feats with the shotgun, which will be fully



spoken of farther on. He has made his own way in the world with clear-eyed singleness of purpose which reminds one of his unerring aim at a target. In all his enterprises, great and small, he is precise and painstaking, and the strictest integrity marks his business dealings, every obligation being met promptly and fully. While he would not take an unfair advantage of an opponent in a shooting contest or an athletic game, and would not accept a penny that he did not consider his due, neither would he smother his sense of right and yield tamely to an infringement upon his own just claims. Thoroughness in everything is one of his strong points, and he will never allow himself to be excelled in any respect, if earnest, persistent thought and labor will win.

Mr. Sober is not only a marvel of ambidexterity with the shotgun, as the reader will presently discover, and an expert in work on the anvil, as above recorded, but he is also highly skilled in taxidermy, an art that cannot be learned in a day, yet one that came to him naturally and without any instruction. Some fine specimens of his skill in mounting birds, etc., including an eagle shot by N. B. Grugan, of Glen Union, and which measured seven feet from tip to tip of wings (prepared for Dr. B. H. Warren, the State zoologist), were exhibited at the World's Fair held in Chicago in 1893, and attracted much attention, winning many encomiums; while among other specimens he has in his possession some five deer heads, taken from noble animals of his own slaying, and mounted by himself. On his fifty-eighth birthday Mr. Sober shot a pheasant on wing, with a weasel attached to its neck taking its life blood, and he has same mounted; it is a question if this is not the only specimen of its kind in the world.

Then, also, as an engraver on gold and other metals, he excels, in this respect being not one whit behind professionals, though he never received instruction in the art, his designing and engraving of horses, dogs, violins, locomotives, on a ten-cent piece, etc. (from tools of his own making), being surprisingly clever.

Socially Mr. Sober is looked upon as a prince among men, exceedingly pleasant and affable, and he is a perfect gentleman, hospitable and liberal—in short, "a royal good fellow," as he is called by his closest acquaintances; and he always carries under his vest a big heart. He is a man of fine physical proportions, active, strong and quick, in height about five feet, ten inches, and weighing some 175 pounds; his complexion is somewhat sandy, much tanned by his outdoor life. Possessed of the bright blue eyes of a sure shot, he is in fact what might be expected in the makeup of a sportsman; and although in age he is now nearing the three score and ten mark, he only shows a better developed maturity of vigorous manhood. In his habits he is very abstemious,

using neither tobacco nor liquor in any shape. In his political predilections he had always been a Democrat until the campaign of Gov. D. H. Hastings (now deceased), and since that time has been a staunch Republican; but he has never found time to seek official preferment or recognition, save that in May, 1884, he was commissioned by Postmaster Walter Q. Gresham postmaster at Sober (Center county), which office was named in his honor, and of which he was first postmaster. He also was postmaster at Glen Union, Clinton county, from 1892 to 1897. In 1870 he was appointed by Gov. John W. Geary coal and iron policeman for the State of Pennsylvania, he being one of the six first commissioned in Pennsylvania, and clothed with all the authority of the city police. In 1878 he was appointed mercantile appraiser of Northumberland county, Pa., being chosen from among twelve applicants. He long ago received his first appointment as State game commissioner, and was reappointed in 1892. On Nov. 17, 1896, he was again appointed, by Gov. D. H. Hastings, and he has held the office continuously to the present, by successive reappointments. This is not a salaried position, but its duties, the propagation and conservation of game, are so thoroughly to Mr. Sober's liking and in accord with his principles that he takes pride and pleasure in their performance.

In 1864 Mr. Sober was united in marriage with Bernetta Anderson, of Northumberland county, a daughter of Jacob and Phebe Anderson. She died Jan. 4, 1906, and is buried at Lewisburg, Pa. Four children blessed their union, two of whom are deceased. (1) Mary B. has been twice married, first to Harry Grove, by whom she had one child, Helen Mary. After Mr. Grove's decease she married, Oct. 14, 1896, Martin H. Leshner, of Shamokin Dam, Pa., and they have five children, Bernetta Edna, Isabelle M., Martha S., Coleman K. and Thornton S. Mrs. Leshner is skilled in oil, pastel and crayon work, and excels in free-hand drawing. (2) Oswald Coleman and (3) Hudson Atwood both died young. (4) Waldron Bland married R. Elizabeth Bright, daughter of William H. Bright, and they have four children, Bernetta E., Mary B., Coleman K., Jr., and William Bright; the last named, born Sept. 6, 1908, celebrates the anniversary of his birth on the same date as his father and his grandfather Bright. While still a youth W. Bland Sober acquired marvelous skill as a trapshot, and as a sportsman few of the old hunters can "bag more game" in a day than he.

On Dec. 27, 1906, Mr. Sober married (second) Hannah Alvirde Cummings, daughter of James and Mary Rebecca (Stover) Cummings.

Mr. C. K. Sober maintains his residence at Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., where he has a pleasant home, whose perfect appointments show his



attention to detail. Every part of the premises gives evidence of his careful management, and his stables, in which he keeps some fine horses, some of them being fast trotters, are sufficiently neat and comfortable for the habitation of human beings. He has a beautiful summer home on the large estate in Irish Valley upon which his wonderful chestnut groves are located.

The story of Mr. Sober's interest in chestnut growing begins in his boyhood. Brought up on a farm, he was but twelve years old when he persuaded his father, who was grafting fruit trees, to let him graft small chestnut trees. His father treated the matter as a joke, but the boy clung to it, and though it was not until forty-two years later that he put his ideas to practical test he never lost faith in them. Nor were his theories vain. The result of his experiments, the Sober Paragon chestnut, has attained such a degree of perfection that it is in demand everywhere that chestnuts find a market, and thousands of scions and trees from Mr. Sober's trees and nursery stock are sold yearly. Their pedigree is of interest as showing the beginnings of an industry that has already attained notable proportions, and that promises to be more generally engaged in as its advantages become known. Almost thirty years ago Mr. W. L. Shaffer, of Germantown, near Philadelphia, discovered a tree growing in his lot from an unknown source—it may have been from a foreign nut, which produced the Paragon chestnuts, about five times the size of the average American chestnut. Crisp and sweet, it differed from the Italian chestnut, which is either coarse and tasteless or possesses an unpleasant acorn flavor. The first scions used in grafting the Sober trees were of Paragon trees obtained from W. H. Engle, of Marietta, Pa. In the Irish Valley, six miles from Paxinos, and seven miles west of Shamokin, Mr. Sober has a property comprising about eight hundred acres. It is a beautiful and fertile depression, walled in on the east and west by parallel spurs of the Alleghenies, whose sloping, rocky sides were originally covered with oak, sap pine and chestnut timber. About half of this is now under chestnut cultivation. The pine and oak were cut down years ago, and subsequently some of the chestnut was marketed. A second growth of chestnut later sprang up. Such were the conditions on about half of Mr. Sober's large estate. Ordinarily this would be waste mountain land, soil that could not be utilized profitably even as sheep pasture. In the fall of 1896 he cut down the standing trees on the land where his first attempts at chestnut culture were to be made. By spring young shoots had appeared around the stumps of the fallen trees. These shoots were grafted with the scions of the Sober Paragon nut, before mentioned, which had been cut in February and laid away in sand until needed. The graft-

ing was begun early in the spring, and Mr. Sober, with the assistance of a farm hand or two, looked after all the work himself the first year. From this modest beginning has been developed an industry which requires a considerable working force and promises to make the land as profitable as it would be under ordinary agricultural conditions. The principal grove stretches along the bordering mountainside for over a mile on one side of the mountain, and comprises about 300 acres, the southern part of the farm. The hillside to the north is crowned with a 100-acre grove. Then there are three hundred thousand Sober Paragon Registered seedlings and grafted trees, from one to three years old, grown from the Sober Paragon nut ingrafted with the scions from the true Sober Paragon tree in bearing. Over two hundred bushels of Sober Paragon chestnuts were planted in the spring of 1911, thus adding more than a quarter of a million seedlings, which will be grafted at two years onto young chestnut seedlings growing on what would be waste land. The process of establishing a grove by planting nuts would be too slow; hence Mr. Sober has adopted this method of gaining time in the production of valuable trees.

In this country the popularity of the chestnut as a food is still in its initial stages. However, it is gaining recognition daily, so much so that arboriculturists are interesting themselves in its culture, with the view of presenting its attractions to owners of available land. The fact that chestnut trees may be cultivated successfully on land valueless for other purposes will undoubtedly influence many to attempt their cultivation. The interest has become so widespread that the national government through the United States Department of Agriculture, and the State government through the Department of Forestry, and Chestnut Tree Blight Commission, have seen fit to investigate his experiments and results thoroughly. Commission President Winthrop Sargent, of Philadelphia; Commission Secretary Harold Pierce, also of Philadelphia, of the Chestnut Tree Blight Commission; Hon. I. C. Williams, deputy State forestry commissioner; S. B. Detwiler, executive officer of the Chestnut Tree Blight Commission; Dr. J. W. Harshberger, professor of botany of the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Haven Metcalf and Professor Collins, of the United States Department of Agriculture, visited the farms and chestnut groves Sept. 7, 1911. Mr. C. A. Reed, special agent of United States Department of Agriculture, visited the farms and chestnut groves on Sept. 8, 1911.

Not long after commencing this work Mr. Sober realized that a nursery branch of his business would be almost a necessity if others were to profit by his experiences, and the demand for nuts and young trees has far exceeded the supply. Rows

of young trees have been grafted to the Sober Paragon nut, and heavy shipments are made each season. At first the orders were mainly from the New England States, but now they come from all parts of this country and even from Europe. In 1908 a solid carload of the Sober Paragon nut went to Seattle, Wash. In the summer of 1910 a Seattle man who had an ambition to enter the business on a large scale offered to buy Mr. Sober's entire yield for that year. Several carloads of young trees are sold every spring. In 1910 Mr. Sober shipped and sold to one concern, Glen Brothers, of Rochester, N. Y., seven carloads of bearing trees, and in addition to this shipment sold to various other concerns over five thousand grafted trees (nursery stock, two and a half to three feet high). In 1911 he shipped to Glen Brothers two carloads (one shipment) of bearing trees, eight to twelve feet in height, and in addition to the same concern at various times over ten thousand trees.

So much for Mr. Sober's success in chestnut growing as a business proposition. As a benefit to those who have waste land to convert into paying property the value of his enterprise is inestimable. His idea for the reclaiming of waste land, of which there are hundreds of thousands of acres in Pennsylvania alone, is the transplanting thereon of young chestnut seedlings. The grafted trees begin bearing the second or third year, the yield increasing annually. There is comparatively little expense beyond the initial cost of grafting, but care expended in keeping a grove in apple-pie order is more than repaid in results. In the case of the Sober groves, scientific management prevails even in attention to apparently unimportant details. Every experiment is closely watched, and such reliable statistics have been kept that the Sober Chestnut plantation has become the object of observation by government experts, who have invited Mr. Sober to contribute to the department such advice and instruction as he thinks necessary for the guidance of those about to undertake chestnut culture. He is always ready to give others the benefits of the knowledge he has acquired. Special devices which he has developed or invented in the course of his work have been patented, but he is willing to explain his methods in any branch of the business, to share his ideas, to assist any who are earnestly interested in the subject. He invented a wax for holding in place the "tongue" or "whip" graft, which on his place has entirely superseded the old wedge graft, and has published the formula. Mr. Sober has this wax colored, arranging to have each man he employs at grafting use a different color, thus enabling him to follow up the work of any one man, when necessary. Mr. Sober's early experiences with the wedge graft were so discouraging, in spite of the fact that he engaged professionals to do the work, that he de-

termined to give the whip graft a thorough trial, and the process has been so improved that 90 per cent of the grafts are now successful.

Mr. Sober has devised an insect trap for night use that does notable work. He has made a close study of the various insects that blight or destroy chestnut trees, and has originated ways of exterminating them or protecting the trees against their ravages. He himself keeps a large flock of game chickens which he allows to run about in the groves to help make away with insect pests, and sheep are turned to pasture in the groves to keep the grass and undergrowth cropped close. The groves are protected against fire on two sides by fire roads—wide avenues denuded of timber and then burned over. Brush and debris of all kinds are gathered and burned to prevent accumulation of any waste matter that might endanger the trees in case of fire; and the employees on the property are fully instructed as to their duties. It is not always smooth sailing. In 1906 the crop was almost ruined by locusts, but one of the results of the calamity was that Mr. Sober applied himself more earnestly than ever to the study of this and other pests, their habits, etc., until his investigations covered the field thoroughly and yielded valuable information. There are other enemies of the chestnut, thieves for instance, which have to be guarded against, but with all these drawbacks the venture has paid and the profits are increasing steadily.

Chestnut Grove Stock Farm, the beautiful model farm of which the chestnut groves are a leading feature, has been described as "destined to be one of the most famous farms in the United States." There is an abundant water supply from never failing springs located on the tract, twenty-five of them, and one situated 160 feet above the house feeds a large reservoir from which the dwelling and buildings are supplied with running water. The main house, a beautiful three-story frame residence, is situated to the north of the main road leading to Sunbury, and there are four modern tenement houses. The big barn, 50 by 125 feet in dimensions, and 75 feet from the ground to the top of the cupola, is a model of convenience. Underneath are twenty box stalls of the most approved type. There is a hay shed of 100 tons capacity, cornercribs lined with galvanized wire netting and granaries lined with iron, practically rat-proof. Farm machinery in almost endless variety, for performing and facilitating the work, is at hand, and there is perhaps no better equipped blacksmith shop in the region than the one on this place. There is a large acetylene gas generator, of Mr. Sober's own manufacture, which lights the house and barn, and all the other buildings in which artificial light is useful. The chestnut groves border that part of the estate devoted to ordinary agricultural purposes, and be-

sides there are thousands of bearing fruit trees on the land, ranged along the public and private thoroughfares which intersect the property, apple, cherry, peach, pear and other fruits, all 40 feet apart, stretching along three miles of highway. These include over two thousand grafted cherry trees.

Mr. Sober has made a specialty of raising high-bred horses, and has a number of fine pedigreed horses, some with excellent track records. There is a full half-mile race course on the farm, uniquely located on a knoll a short distance south of the road.

Mr. Sober has made numerous experiments on his land, and he was one of the first in the State to become interested in alfalfa. He has also tried Alaska wheat, having put five acres under cultivation in the latter crop one season to test its possibilities in the neighborhood. He grows the finest cantaloupes raised in this region. He has demonstrated in numerous ways the possibilities of a well managed farm property.

The working force on this extensive domain has naturally been added to to meet requirements as the property has been developed, and in the month of October, 1910, when the chestnuts were being gathered, Mr. Sober had 115 helpers on his farm payroll. Ordinarily, twenty-five men are employed on the estate, and five teams of horses and mules are required to carry on the work. As previously stated, when Mr. Sober began grafting chestnuts he did all the work himself, having one or two farm hands to help him. From twenty to forty nurserymen, who graft on an average 300 to 500 trees per day each, are now engaged for several weeks in the spring. The property is under the management of Mr. Sober's son.

The farm has been the object of wide attention and many prominent men have visited the property, particularly to investigate the chestnut proposition, a number of the States having mentioned the Sober groves in their annual agricultural reports. Frequent mention is made in the National reports. A trip to this place is not only interesting, but instructive in the highest degree. There have been many press notices regarding it in the papers and magazines. A writer who visited the estate early in September, 1911, a man widely traveled and familiar with the beauties of art and nature in many parts of the world, after a drive over the four hundred acres of bending, bearing trees spoke of the scene as one passing description. At the season when the green of the chestnut burrs was changing to autumn tints, it was a picture which defied the best efforts of brush or pen.

Mr. Sober is the inventor, patentee and manufacturer of acetylene gas generators, conducting this business at Lewisburg, Pa. He has done much to popularize this method of lighting, and

the gas being also usable for cooking purposes, clean, economical, convenient, the business is in thriving condition.

Mr. Sober has always been a public-spirited citizen, ready to give aid and encouragement to worthy enterprises affecting the welfare of his community. He has been active in promoting agricultural fairs, and has been a prominent figure at such gatherings for years, not only as a land owner and stock breeder, but also as a "drawing card" in his capacity of expert marksman. This brings us to another side of his remarkable career. A fine shot and an enthusiastic huntsman from his youth, Mr. Sober has gone into the field of sport with the same zeal and keen intelligence that he brings to bear in all his other interests. So he has not only become an expert, but he has made it possible for others to enjoy hunting and similar pastimes under the most favorable conditions. In the pursuit of his lumbering operations, covering a period of forty years, Mr. Sober has found great opportunities to familiarize himself with the habits and habitat of game, and his keen powers of observation, together with his natural inclination for systematizing his knowledge on any subject, have made him a recognized authority on such matters. He took the position of game commissioner with an object. In this official capacity he has been able to influence the enactment of many of the wisest provisions now embraced in the game laws of Pennsylvania. The preservation and propagation of game have been guarded carefully, with the result that conditions are improving steadily, and hunting facilities are increasing yearly, adding much to the enjoyment of those who indulge in this recreation. Mr. Sober himself has purchased large numbers of birds, particularly quail, and liberated them in different localities in the various fertile valleys of the Susquehanna. His love for trout fishing has led him to stock numerous streams in Center, Clinton and Lycoming counties with brook and other varieties of trout. He is noted as a hunter throughout central Pennsylvania, in whose remotest recesses large numbers of bear, deer and wildcats are still to be found. For weeks during the open season he will desert his office, abandon the industries with which he is connected, and, seeking the seclusion of the forests or mountains, accompanied usually by another noted sportsman, will spend a large portion of the hunting season in rudely constructed camps far from the haunts of men.

A number of years ago his love for field sports led him to join a syndicate composed of prominent Pennsylvania capitalists in the purchase of a large game preserve, which is probably unequalled in the many advantages it possesses for the purpose. The syndicate purchased Wallop's island, on the eastern shore of Accomac county, Va., just

south of Chincoteague island. Wallop's island has an area of twenty-five hundred acres and is said to shelter more game than any similar spot in the south—a section of this country which is highly favored with game—and the island has one of the finest sea beaches on the Atlantic coast, six miles in length. The men have on the island a clubhouse of thirty rooms and a good wharf; and with the oysters, fish, all varieties of shore birds, waterfowl, and the delightful climate for which Wallop's island is noted, they have every facility for enjoyable outings. Mr. Sober sold his interests in this property in 1911.

Mr. Sober's record as champion gunshot of the world, as "wizard of the gun," deserves more than passing notice, though it is only in a somewhat limited manner that we can speak of his marvelous skill, for his wonderful gun feats number over two hundred, and he can entertain a multitude of spectators three full hours with his fancy shooting alone. It is but just to say of him that he is not only the champion trick (or trap) shot of the world, but the champion all-round shot of the universe. We have here used the word "trick" as a sort of colloquialism, but it is not the correct term, as, in truth, Mr. Sober's feats with the gun are not mere "tricks," but the effect or result of scientific and skillful calculation. He says he does not know how he acquired his experience, but "guesses it was born in him." Indeed, inheritance, as has already been mentioned, has no little to do with this astounding skill of his, in which he has no rival the world over, and this same inheritance has clung to him from early boyhood, through every change in occupation and fortune. His expertness in the use of the gun has been acquired through pure love of the sport. When, as a boy, he began to handle a gun, he determined to excel in its use, and often he would do his farm work at night in order to gain time for practice in the woods by daylight. Many an hour he has also spent at night in practicing some difficult feat, or some new method of handling his weapon. With such persistent exercise in rapid and accurate use it is no wonder that he does marvels, and his constant travel in the forest in connection with the business enables him to continue his favorite sport almost constantly.

It will be seen that in 1875 he was but little more than a boy, and, to show that he has from early boyhood been a prodigy, we cite some remarkable local sweepstake exhibitions given by him between September, 1875, and August, 1877. During this time he participated in various contests—shooting at 481 live pigeons, and killing 440, an astounding record of more than 91 per cent! It must be remembered, also, that these birds were killed at twenty-one yards rise—and with the use of only one barrel; excepting that out of this number he shot nineteen doubles, standing midway

between the traps forty-one yards apart, shooting one pigeon from the left shoulder, the other from the right shoulder.

For several years past Mr. Sober has hunted ruffed grouse only, as that is the quickest bird in America to get in full flight upon discovery, and gives him the rapid work which he enjoys. During the fall of 1890 he shot thirty-two of these birds without a miss, and in the last fifty that he killed that year he shot at fifty-five only. The press of this and other States has often made extended mention of his wonderful feats, and from the "American Field" of Jan. 9, 1892, we glean the following:

"In the spring of 1880, he shot 537 wild pigeons in three days at Kane, Pa., while the birds were flying to and from their feeding grounds, and at no time did he kill more than one bird at a shot. For a number of years, however, the increased pressure of business cares has prevented Mr. Sober from attending trap shoots, from which fact some people think he cannot shoot over a trap, but his scores on record show he had no difficulty in winning when he did attend. He broke 452 King-birds straight, at the York fair. He has never killed 100 live pigeons straight, but he killed ninety-six out of 100, at twenty-one yards rise, using one barrel only. At a match at twelve live bats to each man, in which seventeen shooters contested, Mr. Sober won with a score of eleven killed, it being the only match at bats in which he had contested.

"When he attended trap shoots he often made clean scores at glass balls, King-birds and live pigeons, often making from fourteen to thirty straight kills, and readily defeated all who shot against him. The most remarkable exhibitions of Mr. Sober's skill, however, are in trick shooting, or as he terms it 'rough and tumble shooting,' in which he handicaps himself in many different ways, shooting from all sorts of positions at King-birds, glass balls or live pigeons sprung from a trap, in which his scores are fully equal to those made by many trap shooters who shoot from the shoulder and are not in any way handicapped. Through long practice of these feats—many of which he originated—Mr. Sober has become so expert that he can perform more unique shots with the double-barreled shotgun than any other living man. He performs over two hundred feats, each shot being more marvelous than the preceding one, all from different positions or under new forms of handicap. He breaks glass balls or King-birds from either shoulder, with handkerchiefs tied around both barrels of his gun, with the barrels thrust through objects of different sizes, varying from a cigar-box up to a flour barrel, with his gun either side up, and in many other ways, with wonderful accuracy. He even springs his own target (single or double), and then breaks

the targets. He shoots from almost every conceivable position, standing or lying, holding the gun over his head, between his legs, at his neck or breast, etc.

"Mr. Sober commences with simple shots, single and double, and goes from one feat to another, handicapping himself, not only as we have described, but in many other ways. At Lewisburg, Pa., in the fall of 1886, he gave his fourth public exhibition, when he shot at 130 glass balls from fifty-one different positions, and missed but eight. At the tournament of the Elmira (N. Y.) Gun Club, in July, 1887, Mr. Sober made a phenomenal record. He shot at 108 glass balls, from seventy-nine difficult positions, and missed but fourteen.

"The most difficult of Mr. Sober's shooting feats cannot be photographed for the purpose of illustration, such as placing his gun on the ground at a distance of eighteen feet, springing his own trap, then, after running and picking up his gun, breaking single or double targets—King-birds or glass balls. In many of the feats which he performs Mr. Sober can turn back to the trap, call 'pull,' pick up his gun with the box, keg or barrel on it, as the case may be, turn around and score 'dead bird' on either single or doubles.

"He can break double King-birds, one with his gun overhead and the other from his shoulder, or one from between his legs and the other from the shoulder. Scoring doubles, one from each shoulder, is to him but a simple pastime. The feats Mr. Sober performs in shooting with boxes, barrels, tables and similar obstructions around his gun barrels are rendered successful only by reason of the nicety of calculation which he has acquired by long practice. Many who see the King-birds, glass balls or live pigeons fall before his unerring aim wonder how he had got sight over or under such obstructions. He does not take sight; for that would be impossible. His success is due to remarkably accurate calculations. When it is remembered that there are at least two hundred different trick shots on his list, many of them more difficult than we have described, and the fact is considered that Mr. Sober's challenge to the world in his line of shootings remained open two years, and that he has never been defeated in that line in a match, it is not strange that he is called the champion of the world by many admirers in his native State."

There is hardly a sportsman in the State of Pennsylvania who has not seen him shoot, and few in the United States who have not read of his accomplishments with the gun. He takes pleasure in showing the world what perfection can be attained in the handling of the shotgun, and there is scarcely an exhibition of importance in the State to which he is not invited. To give a full detailed account of his exhibitions would

be unnecessary in this article; but his achievements cannot by any means be passed lightly over.

Mr. Sober has proved himself to be, beyond a peradventure, the champion all-round shotgun shot of the world, a title he does not assume, but which belongs to him by right, and by virtue of his challenge to the whole world to enter the lists with him. This challenge has never been accepted; but a critical view of Mr. Sober's marvelous shots will remove all doubts as to his ability to vanquish any other specialist in his line. The case stands as follows: In the "American Field" of Feb. 23, 1889, Mr. Sober "issued a challenge to any man in the world—Dr. W. F. Carver preferred—to shoot an exhibition match against him with a double-barrel shotgun for a stake of five hundred dollars a side; and he offered to pay the expenses of any one who would meet him and shoot at Sunbury, Pa., the following May." Previously Mr. Sober and Dr. Carver had correspondence through the columns of the "American Field," and the former had deposited fifty dollars forfeit as an earnest of his sincerity. Subsequently H. C. Fuller and Mr. Sober had some correspondence through the same medium, but in neither case was a match made, and Mr. Sober's money was returned to him after the lapse of a couple of years. In this connection it must be borne in mind that he is not a professional shot, nor has he ever posed as such, notwithstanding his well known ability; and, moreover, he never performs for money, his public exhibitions being for the benefit of some public charity, or to aid in the attraction to State and county fairs, Grange picnics, Grand Army reunions, or similar affairs, and he is always sure to be a "drawing-card" as the wonder-shot of the world, thousands of delighted spectators witnessing with interest his bewildering feats. What adds a charm to the occasion is his modest, unassuming manner. He comes on the scene with a calmness and unobtrusiveness that at once win the attention of the spectators, then what he does is square business, with nothing to attract but the merits of the very fine work he does with the shotgun. An article in the *Meadville Republican* of September 10, 1894, written by an eyewitness of one of these exhibitions, covers in a few words what might be said of all Mr. Sober's performances, and we quote therefrom in part: "The members of the Gun Club visited him in large numbers, and got from him many points of instruction, which he seemed very much pleased to impart. His skill with the gun was even more than advertised. He shot with effect in almost every conceivable position, and the gun in every variety of grasp—under him, over him, to right, to left, sitting, standing, lying, with gun above his head, between his feet, upside down, thrust through barrels, boxes, tables, and in every position, ex-

cept with the muzzle in his hands. Loud applause greeted his numerous, wonderful shots." Indeed, we might quote page after page of similar encomiums, did space permit; yet a just tribute to "creation's greatest shot" we plead as excuse, were such necessary, for dwelling longer on this highly interesting subject. In addition to newspaper and other extracts in this article we quote the following:

"At Center Hall, in 1889, Mr. Sober commenced shooting. The wind was blowing a regular gale, and no one of the ten thousand visitors expected to see more than a few plain shots. But Mr. Sober is not built that way. He believes in giving every piece on the program, gale or no gale. All the fancy shots were made, and in all his shooting he missed but one King-bird, which was caught by the wind, and darted down in such a manner as to make it impossible to hit it. Everybody expressed astonishment at the remarkable work, no one having any idea that it was possible under the circumstances; and no one will believe hereafter that there is a man on the face of the earth that can compete with C. K. Sober, when it comes to fancy wing shooting."—*Mifflinburg Telegram*.

"Dr. Carver, Buffalo Bill, Captain Bogardus, and many other renowned marksmen have given exhibitions, but none have excelled Mr. Sober's."—*Elmira Daily Advertiser*, July 2, 1887.

"He handles a shotgun as a boy would a tin rattle—is as quick as lightning and as sure as fate. He accomplishes all—even the most difficult—shots with the greatest ease and grace, and by the time the ordinary marksmen get through aiming Mr. Sober will have broken a barrel of King-birds."—*Middleburg (Snyder County) Post*, Sept. 24, 1891.

"But the greatest feature of the day was the shooting of Mr. Sober and his son. This was a revelation to the visitors to the fair. Mr. Sober is a wonderful marksman. He shot at 147 targets yesterday, from a great number of different positions, and at all sorts of disadvantages, yet he did not miss a single one. This is, perhaps, the greatest exhibition Mr. Sober ever gave and this is equivalent to saying that the York county fair grounds have been the scene of the greatest shooting ever done in the world. Nothing can prevent him from scoring. He shoots just as accurately with the gun turned upside down and thrust through a flour barrel as he does in the usual position."—*York Gazette*, October, 1894.

We will conclude our description of Mr. Sober's trap shooting with an account of a couple of amazing and almost incredible shots that he made: A bird is thrown from the trap thirty yards away from the shooter, who stands with his side toward the trap, with inverted gun, the barrel of which is passed right through a wooden box, 14x16 inches in size, the gun (with

barrel in the box as described) held at arm's length directly above his head. Thus handicapped, the marksman pulls the trigger and the bird drops to the ground. This feat has been accomplished by no other being, and reads like one of Baron Munchausen's fictions, but it is nevertheless true in every particular. Another remarkable feat Mr. Sober accomplishes with ease is to spring two King-birds from a trap, shoot one of them from between his legs while standing with his back toward the trap, then turn quickly and drop the second King-bird. We cannot avoid giving special emphasis to the four exhibitions given by Mr. Sober at the York county fair, before a multitude of fifty thousand people, where he shot at 588 targets with but five misses, two of which were made on his first day's trial, three being lost on the fourth day toward the close of his final exhibition. At one of Mr. Sober's shooting entertainments given at Brook Park (Lewisburg), in October, 1897, he killed 65 pigeons without a miss and broke 200 targets without an error. And it must be borne in mind that not a shot was made without some form of handicap—shooting from both shoulders; gun inverted, and above his head; with gun thrust through powder kegs, flour barrels, boxes, etc.—yet he seemed to experience neither hindrance nor inconvenience. It was like the legerdmain of some great wizard.

For several years past Mr. Sober has passed most of his time in the forest, hunting out timberlands, and superintending lumber operations. These pursuits have rendered it possible for him to follow his favorite sport of shooting ruffed grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) almost uninterruptedly during the proper season, and a gentleman who has accompanied him on such expeditions says that, although he has hunted with many expert wing shots, it has never been his privilege to meet any one in field or cover who was able to demonstrate the phenomenal skill which Mr. Sober displays at different times when grouse shooting in the wilds of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sober, it would seem, shoots by instinct rather than by sight. The number of ruffed grouse, alone, killed by him during the last few years is astonishing. In 1884 he shot 95; in 1885, 87; in 1886, 108; in 1887, 40; in 1888, 117; in 1889, 116; to Dec. 15, 1890, 148; to Dec. 21, 1891, 103; in 1892, 105; in 1893, 79; in 1894, 97; in 1895, 84; in 1896, 92; and in 1897, 106—a total for the fourteen years of 1,377 birds, or an average of over 98 each season. On Nov. 5, 1897, he killed seven ruffed grouse out of eight fired at and many a day he shot at and killed every grouse he would see. In a two days' hunt, in December, 1880, at the foot of Shade Mountain, near Adamsburg, Pa., he shot sixteen pheasants (ruffed grouse), twelve rabbits, four wild turkeys, and one gray squirrel.



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Mr. Sober says that most of his birds were killed on his own lands during his business tramps, and that one of his best shots he ever made at ruffed grouse was at follows: He had been on the mountains chestnutting and was returning home with a bag of chestnuts on one shoulder, his gun with a basket hanging from the barrels slung over the same shoulder, with an ax in the other hand; while walking along a lumber road a ruffed grouse suddenly flushed from the side of the road. Mr. Sober dropped the ax, bag and basket in time to shoot the bird. He has never met any one who had the requisite endurance to stay with him an entire day in field or cover shooting when he traveled at the gait he usually takes while hunting alone. To still more fully set forth the wonderful ingenuity of our subject, it is proper here to speak of a simple device he invented and always carries with him on his hunting expeditions. It is an implement for eviscerating game birds, and whenever he kills one he immediately, or as soon after as he may have opportunity, uses the little instrument. It is very simple, merely a little twig, sharpened at one end, with a small spur near the pointed end. This he inserts under the tail of the bird, then gives a twist of the arm and the entrails are at once ejected. The larger part of the game he kills goes to the tables of his friends and the bedside of the sick. In hunting the ruffed grouse (which, by the way, he claims is the gamest bird in America) he uses pointer dogs trained by himself to such a marvelous degree of perfection that their intelligence seems almost human. He has no use for setters in that pursuit, for, as he says, they are too headstrong and fast and not sufficiently cautious.

About his guns we must also say something. The first one he used was, when he was a lad, an old "flint-lock" owned by an elder brother, and with that the boy killed squirrels and rabbits by the hundreds (game was plentiful in Pennsylvania then), and with it he downed quails, occasionally on the wing, as well. The first gun he owned he bought for \$1.50 and it was a 28-inch, 20-gauge, single barrel, which he says was made from pot metal for all he knows; but with it he did great work on quails and pheasants (ruffed grouse) on the wing and he still has that old gun. Next he had another single 28-inch, 14-gauge gun made to order, with which he did fine shooting also. His third gun was a double barreled (30-inch barrels), 14-gauge, that weighed six pounds, and with it he defeated the best shots in Pennsylvania, at the trap in pigeon shooting. The next gun he bought was a Parker Brothers make. He still uses their guns, and says he will do so until he finds a better arm; for shooting game he uses a cylinder-bore, 28-inch barrels, of either 10-gauge or 12-gauge. In his "den," as he calls it, a room which he has appropriated to his exclusive use in

his beautiful home in Lewisburg, there are suggestions, from the number and variety of guns, of a small arsenal. But after long experience with various makes of shotguns he has arrived at the conclusion that American-made arms are equally as good as and he believes superior to, those of foreign manufacture, for shooting in the field and cover.

KEEFER. There are a number who bear this name residing in the borough of Sunbury, Northumberland county, in and about which region the name is particularly well known for the reputation those members of the family who have engaged in contracting and building have made for skillful work and honest construction. In this connection the Keefers have been famous in their locality for many years, and numerous buildings—public and private—and bridges testify to the important part they have taken in the material upbuilding of this section of Northumberland county, though their work has not been confined wholly to that neighborhood. Moreover, the number of contracts which come into their hands shows that their work has stood the test of time, the confidence of their fellow citizens being well deserved. At the present time four of the family, George W., Philip W., John S. and Peter R. Keefer, are established as contractors and builders in Sunbury. Jacob J. Keefer, owner of the original homestead farm, of Keefer's station, in Upper Augusta township, is a cousin of the three first named, and a second cousin to Peter R. Keefer.

The Keefer family came to Northumberland county from Berks county, Pa., where Jacob Kieffer, the first of whom we have record, lived in Richmond township, near Lyons, owning there an excellent farm known as the original Kieffer homestead and now the property of his grandson, Nicholas Kieffer. He married Annie Sell, and to their union were born: Peter; Rebecca, wife of Jonathan Bieber, a prosperous farmer of Maxatawny, Berks county; and Valentine, a farmer of Richmond township, who married Maria Merkel.

Peter Keefer, son of Jacob, was born in Berks county, and came thence to Northumberland county about 1806-07, with wife and two children. He was among the early settlers in Augusta (now Upper Augusta) township, where for the remainder of his life he followed farming and prospered, owning a tract at Keefer's station which has now been in the family for over one hundred years, being owned at present by Jacob J. Keefer. He died on his homestead about 1850, and is buried at Snydertown. He married in Berks county, and his children were: Daniel, George, Peter (a deaf mute, who lived at Keefer's station, in Northumberland county), John, Catharine, Molly, Elizabeth and Hannah. Two of the daughters married and lived in Berks county.

The following interesting article concerning the Keefer farm appeared in the *Sunbury Daily*: "On Saturday, Sept. 7, 1907, the Keefer farm, at Keefer's station, about five miles from Sunbury on the creek road, was in the possession of the Keefer family for the period of one hundred years, a fact demonstrated by deeds shown a reporter of this paper by Mr. Calvin Keefer, one of the attaches in the office of the county commissioners.

"The deed of this tract of land, amounting to about 173 acres, was originally issued from the surveyor general's office of the Province under the Penns in 1769 to Samuel Pearson, after whose death it descended to his son George, who, in 1786, conveyed it to William Clark, of Catawissa township, and in the same year Clark deeded it to Alexander Porter, of Harrisburg, at the price of 410 pounds, which in the present currency would be about \$1,693. Porter being unable to pay the whole of the stipulated price the tract was seized by Sheriff Martin Withington and sold at sheriff sale on Jan. 6, 1789, to Christopher Reed, of Tulpehocken township, Berks county, for 106 pounds and 10 shillings. Reed held it until Sept. 7, 1807, when he deeded it to Peter Keefer, for the sum of 1,100 pounds, or about \$5,346 in present currency. It was in this way that one hundred years ago this well known property came into possession of the Keefer family, remaining in that ownership for that long period without a break. In 1829 Peter Keefer conveyed it to his son, John Keefer, who retained the ownership of it for about fifty years and then transferred it by deed to Jacob Keefer, grandson of the original Peter Keefer, who is the present owner and occupant of the land.

"This farm has been the birthplace of a number of generations of Keefers, among whom were William, David, Eliza (wife of Joseph Wolverton), Benjamin F., Charles and Joseph, all of whom are deceased, and surviving are Mrs. George W. Stroh, of Sunbury; Amelia McCloughan, of Rushtown; Peter Keefer, of Danville, and Jacob, who now owns and occupies the old homestead. The fourth generation is living in the house, which was built by Christopher Reed, who bought the land at sheriff sale in 1789, making it one of the oldest houses in this section of country."

Daniel Keefer, son of Peter, had children as follows: Mary married George Hile and (second) Samuel Savidge; Elizabeth married Abraham Ruch and (second) Benjamin Kreighbaum; Catharine married Joseph Savidge, and died in 1909 in her ninety-sixth year; Hannah married Fred Reigel and (second) Thomas Van Kirk; Julia married Andrew Hoover; Samuel died in the West; Michael died in Sunbury; Margaret married Benjamin Hoover, brother of Andrew; Amelia married James Farnsworth; Rosanna married Jeremiah Weaver. The only survivors of this family

are Mrs. Margaret Hoover and Mrs. Amelia Farnsworth.

George Keefer, son of Peter, was born in 1796 in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., and came to Northumberland county with his parents when eight years old. After his marriage he moved to Lower Augusta township, settling near Lantz's Church, and he owned three farms in that township, becoming very prominent in the business and public affairs of his locality. He was a miller by trade, and continued to follow both farming and milling until 1864, when he disposed of his gristmill; he farmed until his death, which occurred Oct. 16, 1879, in Augusta township, when he was eighty-two years old. He is buried at the Lantz Church, having been an active member of the Reformed congregation of that church, which he helped to build. He served many years as trustee and elder. He was a well known member of the Democratic party and active in its councils and held township offices. He was twice married, his first union being with Rebecca Lantz, daughter of Samuel, by which marriage there were six children: Hannah married Isaac Albert; Samuel L. is mentioned below; Margaret married Henry Arnold; Molly married John Zimmerman; Peter, born March 3, 1838, is deceased; Mary died young. Mr. Keefer's second marriage was to Elizabeth Weiser, daughter of Philip Weiser, who served as a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war from Northumberland county. There were also six children by this marriage: Catharine married William Fegley; George W. is mentioned below; Philip W. is mentioned below; Sarah J. married Jacob Goss, of Sunbury; John S. is a well known contractor of Sunbury; Lucy Alice married Luther Cooper.

SAMUEL L. KEEFER, son of George and Rebecca (Lantz) Keefer, was born March 29, 1829, in what was then known as Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and was reared to farm life, which he followed throughout his active years. Upon his retirement, in 1886, he moved to Sunbury, where he owns the property at No. 816 Market street. He still spends his summers in Rockefeller township, however, owning a farm of fifty-six acres there, part of the old original homestead of his grandfather, Peter Keefer. Mr. Keefer always preferred to devote his time and energies to his own affairs, refusing offices at various times, but he has nevertheless done his duty as an intelligent, public-spirited citizen, having served eight years as school director in Rockefeller township and two years as overseer of the poor after his removal to Sunbury. He is a Democrat in politics and in religion an active member of the Reformed Church, to which he has given valuable service as deacon and elder and in the church council. He helped to erect the parsonage of the Augusta charge, assisting in the work to a considerable extent. His family have also

belonged to this church. Mr. Keefer joined the P. of H. grange at Seven Points.

In 1850 Mr. Keefer married Barbara Ann Savidge, daughter of George Savidge, of Plum Creek, and three children were born to them: William G., who died in infancy; Amelia, now the wife of John Rebuck, of Lower Augusta; and Peter R., of Sunbury, mentioned below. The mother died in 1861. Mr. Keefer's second marriage was to Harriet Malick, daughter of William Malick, and by this union there were five children: Jennie (deceased), who married David Wolf; David Franklin, of Sunbury; Charles M., of New York; Harry Otto, who is engaged as clerk in the railroad office at Sunbury; and Eva, who is at home.

PETER R. KEEFER, son of Samuel L., was born Aug. 1, 1859, in Upper Augusta township, and lived on the farm until he reached the age of seventeen years. He then began to learn the carpenter's trade in the employ of his uncle, George W. Keefer, working as journeyman some years before he formed his partnership with Samuel Ruthrauff. The firm, known as Ruthrauff & Keefer, lasted for seven years, and since its dissolution Mr. Keefer has been in business alone, his home and business being in Sunbury. He builds from five to ten houses yearly, and has as many as twenty-five men in his employ. Mr. Keefer frequently does the designing and drafting as well as the construction work of his various contracts, and there are some very creditable specimens of his craft in this locality, he having erected the Mosés Kauffman building on Market street; the East End Hardware Company's building; the Clemmer building; an addition to the "City Hotel"; and the Lemuel Rockefeller home—a large private residence of eighteen rooms.

On Feb. 21, 1881, Mr. Keefer married Emma R. Crowl, daughter of Jacob and Susan (Huey) Crowl, of Sunbury, formerly of Elysburg, and they have had one daughter, Mary Belle. Mr. Keefer and his family are members of the Reformed Church. He is a Democrat in his political preferences, and fraternally belongs to several local organizations, holding membership in Fort Augusta Lodge, No. 620, I. O. O. F.; Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., and the Royal Arcanum, all of Sunbury.

GEORGE W. KEEFER, eldest son of George and Elizabeth (Weiser) Keefer, has been established in business in Sunbury as a contractor and builder since the early seventies, and has made a wide reputation in that line of work. He was born April 22, 1845, near Lantz's Church in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and there received his education in the public schools. He was reared upon his father's farm and continued to assist with the work at home until he reached the age of sixteen, when he began to learn the carpenter's trade, working four years as a journeyman. In 1865 he

engaged in the mercantile business at what was known as "Hull's store" in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, he and his brother Peter doing business there for a year and a half, at the end of which time they sold out to Jeremiah Fasold. They then moved to Herndon, where they were in the same line of business for another year and a half, George W. Keefer coming to Sunbury in 1869. There he established himself in business at the corner of Fourth and Market streets, where he was located for nine years, but within a comparatively short time he became interested in what has proved to be his life work, taking up contracting and building in 1872. The important contracts for buildings in and around Sunbury which he has filled are many, and he has achieved especial success in the building of bridges, in different sections of the State of Pennsylvania. In 1887 Mr. Keefer built the present high school building in Sunbury, and also erected the Zion's Lutheran Church, for which he also did all the designing and drafting; the Harrison building, now the First National Bank building of Sunbury, is of his construction; as are the Episcopal Church and many fine residences in and around Sunbury. Mr. Keefer has built nine bridges across the Juniata river; the Northumberland bridge across the Susquehanna (1876); the bridge across the Susquehanna between Milton and West Milton; and about one hundred other bridges, large and small, in various parts of Pennsylvania. He has built a number of schoolhouses in Sunbury, Altoona, Berwick and other cities, at times employing as many as seventy-five men. He is still active in the contracting business, and does his own designing and drafting. Meantime he has also acquired other business interests, having become president of the Sunbury Mutual Life Insurance Company upon its organization in 1896 and president of the Sunbury Board of Trade upon the organization of that body, in 1891. In this connection, as well as in his capacity of chief executive of the borough, a position he filled for three terms, he has had considerable influence in the progress and welfare of Sunbury. In fact, he has been a leader in almost every line, social, political or business, in which he has taken any interest. He is a Democrat in politics, served a number of years as member of the town council, and as stated was chief burgess for three terms; he and his family worship at the First Presbyterian Church of Sunbury, where he was leader of the choir for many years. Fraternally he is a Mason, holding membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., and he is a charter member of the Temple Club at Shamokin. For many years he continued his membership in various secret societies, but of late years has relinquished these associations.

On Nov. 16, 1869, Mr. Keefer married Isabella M. Zeigler, daughter of George W. and Mary A.

(McQuiston) Zeigler, the former of whom was at one time a prominent attorney at Sunbury, retiring in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Keefer have no children.

PHILIP W. KEEFER, son of George and Elizabeth (Weiser) Keefer, was born Nov. 22, 1846, in Lower Augusta township, where he attended public school. He worked on the farm until he reached the age of seventeen, when he came to Sunbury to learn the trade of carpenter, serving his apprenticeship with Solomon Brosius. After remaining in his employ six years he went West, for a year working in Chicago, Ill., whence he went to Wisconsin, in which State he spent six years. Returning to Pennsylvania in 1876 he settled at Sunbury and followed his trade and also took contracts on his own account, building houses and bridges, in which work he is still engaged. Many fine residences in Sunbury are of his construction, and he has built many bridges in Northumberland, Mifflin and Juniata counties, this State, his work being substantial and of workmanlike execution. He has been successful from a financial standpoint and has been able to make a number of good real estate investments in Sunbury, where he owns considerable valuable property. Mr. Keefer was formerly a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity. In religion he unites with the Reformed Church.

Mr. Keefer married Annie H. Kemp, of Milwaukee, Wis., who died in 1899, at the age of forty-six years, and is buried at Sunbury. Two children were born of this union: George H., of Mount Carmel, who is fully mentioned elsewhere in this work; and Elizabeth A., wife of Ernst F. Beals, of Sunbury (they have three children, Georgiana, Gordon and Manfred).

JOHN S. KEEFER, son of George and Elizabeth (Weiser) Keefer, was born July 13, 1850, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and was there reared. He began to help with the farm work at an early age, and was thus engaged until he went to learn the carpenter's trade, when a young man of eighteen. He has followed this work from 1868 to the present time, having been employed as a journeyman until 1880, when he began to take contracts for himself. At that time he entered into a partnership with his brothers George W. and Peter and Richard Gass, under the firm name of Keefer Brothers & Gass. This firm built and operated a store, which they sold out after three years to C. W. Bossler, the brothers George W. and John S. Keefer continuing the contracting and building business. Mr. Keefer has, like his brothers, done considerable work in the way of bridge-building in his day. Among his contracts have been the annex to the "Central Hotel" and school buildings in Sunbury; the large cap factory at Northumberland which was destroyed by fire in 1909; and oth-

er important structures. He has about twenty skilled mechanics in his employ. Mr. Keefer has been quite active in a number of movements affecting the progress and upbuilding of the borough. He was a member of the first Board of Trade organized in the borough, which body was instrumental in influencing the Susquehanna Silk Company to establish its plant in this place. He is a director of the Sunbury Mutual Fire Insurance Company, having served as such since its organization, in 1896. His enterprise and executive ability have made him a factor of value and influence in encouraging and promoting movements for the advancement of the welfare of the community.

Mr. Keefer is a Democrat in political faith and has long been active in the councils of the party, having served a number of times as ward committeeman. He served two terms as overseer of the poor and two terms as councilman from the Fourth ward. At one time he was active in the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias fraternities.

In 1877 Mr. Keefer married Annie Beidelsbach, daughter of Judge Isaac Beidelsbach, of Northumberland county, and two children have been born to them: Maud, now the wife of Dr. H. M. Becker, of Sunbury; and Edna M., at home. Mr. Keefer and his family are members of the First Reformed Church of Sunbury.

John Keefer, one of the sons of Peter Keefer, who came from Berks county, was born in Berks county in 1801, and died Aug. 7, 1882, aged eighty years, nine months, two days. By his first wife, Mary (Martz), who died young, he had two children, David and William. His second wife, Susan (Martz), a sister of the first, died July 7, 1875, aged sixty-six years. To this union were born children as follows: Eliza, who married Joseph Wolverton, of Snyderstown; Sarah, Mrs. George W. Stroh; Benjamin F.; Jacob J.; Amelia, wife of Samuel McCloughan, of Rushtown; Charles, of Sunbury; Joseph, of Sunbury; and Peter, of Danville, Pa. Jacob J. and Peter are now (1911) the only survivors.

CAPT. BENJAMIN F. KEEFER, son of John, was born Aug. 3, 1838, on the old home place at Keefer's station, a short distance from Sunbury. When a young man he went to Shamokin, where he learned the trade of carpenter, and upon the outbreak of the Civil war he answered the first call for volunteers, becoming a private. He served as such three months. Returning to Shamokin he remained there only a short time, going thence to Muncy, where he organized Company H, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, going to the front in command of that company. He served nine months with credit and distinction, being mustered out with the rank of colonel. At the close of this period of service he returned to Muncy, in 1863, and was there married to Caroline Johnson,

of that place. They moved to Sunbury in 1865 and ever afterward made their home in that borough. Captain Keefer was not only a carpenter and contractor of recognized ability, but also an architect, and built up such an excellent patronage in the borough that it contained many evidences of his skill in his chosen field of work. He was a man of active mind, progressive and public-spirited, and took part in the affairs of the municipality for many years, serving twelve years as a member of the school board and from 1893 to 1896 as chief burgess. He was influential in promoting many of the most beneficial changes in the administration of local affairs and was instrumental in the advancement of the local school system to an appreciable extent. A man of cheerful and sunny disposition, inclined to look on the bright side of life though practical in his habits, warm and sincere in his friendships, genial and hospitable, his death, which occurred at his home on Spruce street, in November, 1902, was mourned by many beyond his family circle. He was buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury. Captain Keefer was a member of the G. A. R. and of Local No. 838, Carpenters' and Joiners' Union. He was survived by his wife and four sons, Clyde, Harry, Frank and Edward, all residents of Sunbury.

CLYDE KEEFER, son of Capt. Benjamin F. Keefer, was born Nov. 16, 1864, at Muncy, Pa. He was educated in the public schools of Sunbury, graduating from the high school, and when sixteen years old began doing clerical work as clerk in a general store conducted by D. H. Snyder & Co. With that concern, which changed ownership and style several times during this period, he continued until April, 1908, when three of the oldest clerks, Mr. Keefer being one, bought the business. His partners are S. H. Snyder and T. A. Layman, and they are associated under the firm name of S. H. Snyder & Co. Thus Mr. Keefer has been connected with the same establishment throughout his business career. The firm does a large general business, dealing extensively in country produce, groceries, flour, carpets, rugs, etc., and employment is given to ten people. Mr. Keefer is a respected citizen of Sunbury, and has served four years as auditor of the borough. He is a Republican in politics.

On June 23, 1896, Mr. Keefer married Carrie DeHaven, daughter of Jehu and Mary (Douglass) DeHaven, and they have one son, Harold DeHaven, born May 20, 1897, now a student at the Sunbury high school. The family reside in a comfortable home at No. 449 Chestnut street, Sunbury. They are members and supporters of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mrs. Keefer is an active worker.

JACOB J. KEEFER, son of John, the farmer on the original homestead at Keefer's station, in Up-

per Augusta township, was born March 12, 1840, at the place where he now lives. The common schools of the township afforded him his educational privileges, and he was reared to farming, which he has followed at the same place all his life. He purchased the property in 1882, after his father's death, and now owns 102 acres. The present house was erected by Christopher Reed prior to 1806. The barn was built by John Keefer in 1844. Jacob J. Keefer has been a successful general farmer and is one of the prosperous and substantial residents of his locality. He has been school director and served some years as overseer of the poor.

On Feb. 12, 1867, Mr. Keefer married Susan Neidig, daughter of Michael Neidig, of Little Mahanoy township, whose wife was a Wagner. On their fortieth wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Keefer had their pictures taken, he in his wedding coat and vest and she in her wedding dress, in which she was buried. She died May 12, 1910, aged sixty-seven years, five months, five days, and is interred near Snyderstown. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Keefer: (1) Howard E., born April 3, 1868, assists his father on the farm. He is unmarried. (2) Calvin E., born Aug. 16, 1875, took a business course in the Shamokin business college and subsequently began clerking for a lumber concern. For three years he was engaged as clerk in the county commissioners' office, and he is now employed as clerk in the Susquehanna Silk Mills at Sunbury. He married Mary A. Pfahler, who was a school teacher before her marriage, and they have one child, Frances. (3) Lloyd C. is mentioned below. (4) Dennis E., born Dec. 26, 1884, received a public school education, graduating in 1902, and then took a course at the Sunbury high school, from which he was graduated in 1906. In 1908 he was appointed regular letter carrier on Route No. 7, in Sunbury.

Mr. Keefer and his family are members of St. John's Reformed Church, near Snyderstown, and he has been elder and one of the pillars of the church for years. He is still serving as elder and also as treasurer. Politically he is a Democrat.

LLOYD C. KEEFER was born Feb. 7, 1882, at Keefer's station in Upper Augusta township, and obtained his early education in the township public schools. Later he attended Susquehanna Academy, at Lewisburg, from which he was graduated, and then for several terms was a student at the Freeburg Music Academy, after which he took a course at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa. Meantime, in his eighteenth year, he began teaching school, in his native township. He taught five terms in all, two in Upper Augusta township, one in Rush township and two in the grammar school at Snyderstown. In the spring of 1906 he engaged in farming—with which he has been familiar all his life—on his own account in Rush

township, where he has since lived, near Klinesgrove. He has a tract of 150 acres, upon which are two sets of new buildings. On April 19, 1905, he married Grace Eckman Savidge, daughter of Harman and Clarissa (Eckman) Savidge and niece of Judge Savidge, and they have had one daughter, Dorothy Gladys. Mr. Keefer and his family attend the Lutheran and Methodist Churches. He is a Republican in political faith, and socially a member of the Odd Fellows (Snydertown Lodge, No. 527) and Modern Woodmen (Camp No. 8678) at Snydertown.

MURDOCK. William Murdock, the progenitor of the Murdock family of Northumberland county, was a native of Scotland and came to this country about the middle of the eighteenth century. He served under General Braddock at the time of his defeat at the hands of the French and Indians in 1755. He was afterward a member of the garrison at Fort Augusta, and continued to reside there after his term of service had expired. In June, 1772, he was one of the men employed by Surveyor General Lukens in laying out the town of Sunbury. In the earliest list of taxables of Northumberland county, 1774, he was assessed as the owner of 300 acres of land, probably granted him for military services. From 1785 to 1790 he was tyler of Lodge No. 22, Ancient York Masons, at Sunbury. He died in 1790. His wife died in 1793.

Robert Augustus Murdock, son of William Murdock, was born at Fort Augusta. He was the first white male child born in Northumberland county. In 1799 he married Mary Fisher, of Chillisquaque, a daughter of William Fisher, one of the early Chillisquaque settlers, who had obtained a patent from the proprietaries in 1774 for a tract along Chillisquaque creek. This tract he afterward sold to Samuel Bond and in 1790 bought 241½ acres for 540 pounds, known at the present time as the Frederick and Rissel farms. William Fisher was second lieutenant in the Northumberland county militia organized in 1777. He also filled various township offices and was one of the original subscribers to the Chillisquaque Presbyterian Church. He died in 1794. He was a native of Cumberland county, as was also his wife Mary, daughter of Alexander Murray, of Cumberland county. Robert A. Murdock continued to live on part of the Fisher farm, where he followed his trade, that of cabinetmaker, to the time of his death, in 1845. He took an active interest in politics and filled various township offices. In 1834 he, with a number of other Chillisquaque men, vigorously protested against the removal of the public deposits from the Bank of the United States. His wife, Mary Fisher Murdock, died in 1857. They were the parents of nine children.

Thomas Murray Murdock, second son of Robert

A. Murdock, was born in Chillisquaque township in 1803. He was a contractor and builder. In 1834 he was married to Eleanor Wilson, daughter of Nathaniel Wilson, Jr. (1779-1826), who lived near where Pottsgrove now is, and who for many years was a justice of the peace and paymaster in the militia (48th Regiment), and whose father, Nathaniel Wilson, Sr., was born in 1747 and died in Chillisquaque in 1807. Nathaniel Wilson, Sr., was married to Eleanor McAllister in 1774. He was one of the original subscribers to the Chillisquaque Presbyterian Church. Nathaniel Wilson, Jr., was married to Sarah Bond (1781-1832), a daughter of Samuel Bond (1754-1838) who emigrated to Chillisquaque in 1790 from Maryland, and who afterward became prominent in Northumberland county politics, being commissioned justice of the peace in 1797, and serving as county commissioner from 1806 to 1809, and as member of the State Legislature from 1811 to 1813; and, again, representing Columbia county in the Legislature from 1816 to 1818. Samuel Bond was a grandson of Sir Richard Bond, of England.

Thomas M. Murdock was politically a Democrat. In 1847 he rebuilt the Susquehanna river bridge, which had been swept away by a flood. His wife, Eleanor Wilson Murdock, died in 1872. They were the parents of six children: Sarah, wife of the late C. W. Tharp, Esq.; Robert Hammond, who is still living, and who for many years was the agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Corry, Pa.; Jane, wife of Williamson Marsh, deceased; Nathaniel Wilson, who died in 1860, in his eighteenth year; Thomas A.; and Elizabeth Ellen, who married George Barclay, of Milton.

THOMAS AUGUSTUS MURDOCK, son of Thomas Murray Murdock, was born in Milton June 20, 1847. After attending the Milton Academy for a time he learned telegraphy and went to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1864, and was with that company continuously to the time of his death, Dec. 3, 1909, a period of nearly forty-six years. From 1866 to 1872 he was located in Sunbury, when he was made station agent at Milton, which position he filled for twenty years, after which he was supervising agent of the division, the position which he held at the time of his death. Mr. Murdock was a staunch Republican, but the only office he ever held was an appointment from the judge as school director in 1891. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and while living in Sunbury was superintendent of the Sunday school. He was retiring in disposition and was a well informed man and pleasing conversationalist. He was a member of the International Association of Ticket Agents. He founded the Milton Circle of the Protected Home Circle and was its treasurer for many years.

In 1870 Mr. Murdock married Margaret L.

Gray, daughter of P. W. Gray, a merchant of Sunbury, Pa. P. W. Gray (1816-1894) was the only son of William M. and Elizabeth (Watson) Gray.

William M. Gray (1792-1858) was a lieutenant in the war of 1812. After the war he returned to Sunbury and engaged in merchandising. In 1830, 1831 and 1832 he was worshipful master of Lodge No. 22, Ancient York Masons. In 1841 he organized the first Lutheran Sunday school in Sunbury and was its first superintendent. William M. Gray was the son of Capt. William Gray, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1750, and emigrated to America on reaching his majority. A short time before the Revolution he settled in Sunbury, where he followed his profession, surveying, and where for a time he kept a general store. In 1776 he enlisted in the Continental army and was taken prisoner at the battle of Long Island, Aug. 27, 1776, and on the 8th of the following December he was exchanged for Lieutenant Thompson of the 26th British Foot. He continued in active service until 1781, when he returned to Sunbury. Captain Gray was prominently identified with the history and development of his town and county. In 1778 he accompanied General Sullivan's expedition, and his draft of Col. William Butler's march and a letter to Robert Erskine are printed in the Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Vol. XV. He was made paymaster of the county militia in 1781; collector of excise in 1783; and deputy surveyor in 1791; he was auditor of Augusta township in 1787 and overseer in 1791; in 1796 he was one of the trustees appointed to purchase a schoolhouse for Sunbury. Captain Gray was a Presbyterian and in 1787 he and Abraham Scoot, representing the congregation of Sunbury, united with the representatives of the Northumberland and Buffalo congregations in extending a call to Rev. Hugh Morrison, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Root, Ireland, who had been admitted to the Presbytery of Donegal in 1786; this call resulted in the establishment of the first Presbyterian Church in Sunbury. He was a member of the Pennsylvania State Society of the Cincinnati, and was made a Mason in Royal Arch Lodge No. 3, at Philadelphia, during the Revolution. He first appears in Lodge No. 22, at Sunbury, as a visitor on Aug. 31, 1781, and on Jan. 7, 1784, was elected a member of that lodge. He was elected worshipful master of the Lodge Dec. 27, 1784; Dec. 27, 1791; June 24, 1793; Dec. 28, 1795; Dec. 27, 1797; June 28, 1798, and Dec. 27, 1799. He was an enthusiastic Mason and some of the meetings of the lodge were held in his house, which was a large two-story log house standing at the southeast corner of Second and Walnut streets. The tax records at Sunbury show that in 1795 he was assessed as the owner of 760 acres of land, sixty town lots, five horses, one house and lot and one slave. Captain Gray was drowned in the Bloody

Spring, near Sunbury, July 18, 1804; he had been working in the harvest field and sustained a stroke of apoplexy while leaning over drinking from the spring.

Capt. William Gray was married to Mary Brady, daughter of Capt. John Brady, who had served in the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars, and who was shot by the Indians near Muncy in 1779. Captain Brady was a son of Hugh Brady, of Cumberland county, Pa. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Quigley, was a daughter of James Quigley, of Cumberland county.

P. W. Gray, the father of Mrs. T. A. Murdock, was married in 1847 to Margaret Frantz, of Selinsgrove, Pa., who was born in Reading, Pa., in 1819, and died in Sunbury in 1891. Margaret Frantz was the daughter of John and Mary (Fricker) Frantz. After her mother's death in 1824 she was taken and raised by Mrs. Simon Snyder, of Selinsgrove, widow of ex-Governor Snyder, and a friend of her mother's. John Frantz, her father (1781-1834), was a hotel-keeper in Reading. In 1805 he married Mary Fricker, daughter of Anthony and Margaret Fricker, of Reading; Mrs. Margaret Fricker was a daughter of Conrad Weiser, the Indian interpreter of Colonial Pennsylvania.

Thomas A. and Margaret L. (Gray) Murdock were the parents of five children: Edna G.; Helen Margaret, married to William B. Godcharles, of Milton (they have two children, Charles Augustus and Margaret); Donald; William G., and Frances.

William Gray Murdock was born in Milton, Pa., July 27, 1881. He graduated from the Milton high school in 1898 and after working several years in the office of the American Car & Foundry Company he attended Bucknell University and Dickinson Law School; was admitted to the bar in 1907, and in 1909 succeeded to the office of his preceptor, the late Clarence G. Voris, Esq. In politics Mr. Murdock is a Republican, and in 1910 was a delegate to the State convention which nominated John K. Tener for governor, and was a member of the notification committee. On May 16, 1911, he was appointed postmaster of Milton. He is a director and secretary of the Mountain Water Company, and is secretary of the Milton Fair and Northumberland County Agricultural Association, and treasurer of the Protected Home Circle of Milton. In 1908 he served as worshipful master of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., and is the present scribe of Warrior Run Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at Watsontown. He is also a member of Williamsport Consistory and Adoniram Council of Williamsport. He is a member of the Milton Lodge of Elks and of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon college fraternity. In 1908 he published a History of Freemasonry in Milton and in 1909 a History of the Brady Family. He has written a number of articles on local history and

is a contributor to the "Pennsylvania German" magazine and the "Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record."

FRANKLIN E. KRUMM, who died June 22, 1910, resided on his farm in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, from 1874, until his death, and he was one of the most active and respected citizens of that section. He was a native of Orange township, Columbia Co., Pa., born Dec. 10, 1831, son of Jonas Krumm and grandson of Henry Krumm, the latter born in Northampton county, Pa., whence he moved with his family to Columbia county. Henry Krumm was a shoemaker, and followed his trade throughout his active years, his children operating the farm which he owned. He married Mary Elizabeth Wertman, and to them were born the following children: Jonas, Eli, Daniel, Philip, John, Benjamin, Jacob, Susan, Lydia, Kate, Phoebe and Annie.

Jonas Krumm, son of Henry, was born in Northampton county and accompanied his parents to Columbia county. After assisting his father for some years he learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed for a number of years. He then farmed for some time in Columbia county, later living in Montour county, and he died at Turbutville, Northumberland county. His wife, Catharine (Ernst), was a daughter of Henry Ernst, whose wife was a Gietner. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Krumm: Franklin E.; Henry, who died at Bloom; Daniel, who died in Michigan; Nathan, deceased, who lived at Catawissa, Pa.; Amos, living at Bloom; George M., deceased; Lloyd, who lives at Danville, Pa.; and John, of Turbutville.

Franklin E. Krumm attended public school in his native county and remained with his father until he reached the age of twenty-one. He then learned the carpenter's trade, at which he was engaged for twenty-one years, assisting in the construction of most of the important buildings at Williamsport, Pa., and many of which went up in his own district. In 1860 he helped to put up a fine barn for his future father-in-law, Joseph Frederick, in his day the most prominent man in this part of Northumberland county. In 1874 he located on the farm of 103 acres in what is now West Chillisquaque township which was ever afterward his home. It was formerly a Nesbit farm. Mr. Krumm was as successful at farming as he was at mechanical work, and he was one of the most esteemed citizens of his community, having proved himself worthy of the confidence of his fellowmen in all the associations of life. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and in politics identified with the Republican party. He died June 22, 1910, and was buried at Lewisburg.

In 1873 Mr. Krumm married Mrs. Clara A. E. (Frederick) Hottenstein, daughter of Joseph

and Elizabeth (Myers) Frederick, and widow of Rev. Aaron Hottenstein. She passed away in January, 1909, and is buried at Lewisburg. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Krumm: Ida C., who is the wife of John Zearfaus; Sarah A. E., who married John DeFrain and (second) T. H. Hannah; Bessie, who is the wife of Newton Raup; and Frederick Myers, now engaged in farming the homestead, who married Mary Snyder.

IVANHOE STEES HUBER, cashier of the Shamokin Banking Company, of Shamokin, was born Oct. 4, 1845, at Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Levi and Margaret (Stackpole) Huber.

Mr. Huber's great-grandfather was born in one of the German Cantons of Switzerland, and emigrated to the United States about 1763 or a few years later. He settled in Lebanon county, Pa., where he was married. His son, Michael Huber, the grandfather of Ivanhoe S. Huber, was born April 28, 1769, in Tulpehocken township, Lebanon Co., Pa., and followed farming. He was a major in the State Militia and took a very active part in such affairs. He married Regina Elizabeth Uhler, who was born in Lebanon county, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Uhler. Michael Huber and his wife were members of the Reformed Church, and both died in Pine Grove township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. They were the parents of these children: John, Jacob, Michael, George, Philip, Solomon and Levi, and one daughter who died in infancy.

Maj. Levi Huber, son of Michael and Regina, Elizabeth (Uhler) Huber, was born Nov. 9, 1818, in Pine Grove township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. The public schools of Pine Grove township and the Academy of Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., were the sources through which he obtained his education. Leaving school he learned the tailor's trade at Pine Grove, and for four years did journey work in New York City and London, England. In 1844 he went into the tailoring business in Pine Grove on his own account, continuing it up to 1849. Meantime, from 1847 to 1849, he was a school director. For five terms, from 1849 to 1854, he was engaged in teaching in the county. He was town clerk from 1853 to 1857. In the spring of 1854 he was elected justice of the peace, but had not yet completed his term when he was, in 1857, elected county recorder of deeds, etc., for the term of three years, having been nominated on the Democratic ticket, the Republicans declining to name an opponent. Shortly after his election the family moved to Pottsville, the county seat. He was a soldier during the Civil war, having been mustered into the service as second lieutenant of Company B, 96th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, to rank from Sept. 23, 1861; promoted to first lieutenant June 27, 1862;

to captain July 30, 1862; to major Jan. 18, 1864. He participated in the following operations: Peninsular Campaign, Seven Days battles, engagements at Gaines's Mill, Chickahominy, Savage Station, Malvern Hill, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Salem Church, Gettysburg, Rappahanock Station, Wilderness, Spottsylvania (where he was slightly wounded), Bloody Angle, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Shenandoah Valley Campaign, battle of Winchester and others of lesser note. He was mustered out Oct. 21, 1864. After coming out of the service he, in November, 1864, accepted a position in the extensive establishment of D. G. Yuengling (now D. G. Yuengling & Son), as office manager and confidential agent, which position he held until his death, April 26, 1900. He was one of the incorporators and a director from 1871 to 1896 of the Shamokin Banking Company. In the spring of 1865 he was elected a school director of the borough of Pottsville and served continuously as such for over thirty years, and fully half that time as president of the board. Upon the re-organization of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, some years after the war, he served for some time on the staff of Maj. Gen. J. K. Siegfried, as assistant adjutant general of the division. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Royal Arch Chapter and Knights Templars, in both of which he passed the several chairs; to the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Odd Fellows, lodge, encampment and Patriarchs Militant; and Knights of Pythias. He was an active member of the G. A. R., Union Veterans Union, and Pennsylvania Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. By appointment he was for many years the D. D. G. Master, F. and A. M., of District No. 11, comprising twelve lodges in Schuylkill county, Pa. Politically Major Huber was all his life a Democrat.

On Oct. 15, 1844, at Pine Grove, Pa., Levi Huber was married (Rev. Aaron Kern performing the ceremony) to Margaret Stackpole, who was born April 4, 1826, in McVeytown, Pa., daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Stees) Stackpole, and died at 1:30 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 31, 1894; she was buried Jan. 2, 1895, in the Charles Baber cemetery, of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church of Pottsville. They had children born as follows: Ivanhoe Stees, Oct. 4, 1845; Regina Elizabeth, March 17, 1847 (wife of F. R. Carpenter, of Bloomsburg, Pa.); Alice Ruth, Aug. 12, 1849 (died in infancy); Frederick Thomas, Sept. 9, 1850 (who married Amelia M. E. Beyer, daughter of George Henry Beyer, of New York City, and died in New York City); Isabella, Feb. 21, 1853 (who was a public school teacher in Pottsville, Pa., where she died Aug. 27, 1876); Amelia Rebecca, March 29, 1857 (of

Kingston, N. Y., wife of Prof. John E. Shull); Katharine Louisa, Nov. 13, 1858 (died in infancy); Sara Margaret, Jan. 16, 1866 (unmarried, living at Kingston, N. Y.). The two last named were born at Pottsville, Pa., the others at Pine Grove. The family have all been Presbyterians, except Frederick T., who was a Lutheran.

Ivanhoe Stees Huber, son of Levi and Margaret (Stackpole) Huber, lived at his native place until 1857, when, his father having been elected recorder of the county, the family removed to Pottsville. He received his early education in the public schools of Pine Grove and Pottsville. In 1862 he entered the law office of Hon. Francis W. Hughes, at Pottsville, where he was engaged until December, 1864, when he was appointed teller of the First National Bank of Mahanoy City, Pa., filling that position until 1868. He then became secretary and superintendent of the Ringgold Coal and Iron Company, at New Ringgold, Schuylkill county, holding this position ten months, and resigning to accept the appointment of deputy prothonotary of Schuylkill county, which he occupied until Sept. 4, 1871, when he was appointed cashier of the Shamokin Banking Company, of Shamokin, serving as such continuously until now. He also was for many years a director of that company. Mr. Huber's interests, of a business, social and religious nature, have been varied and numerous, and all looked after in the capable manner for which he is noted. Since 1883 he has been a director and treasurer of the Building and Loan Association of Shamokin, and he is a member of the Shamokin Board of Trade. From June, 1881, to 1902 he was treasurer of the borough of Shamokin, and also served as member of the school board from 1882 to 1885, acting as president of that body in 1883 and as treasurer in 1884. His ability as a financier is so generally recognized that he has been intrusted with financial responsibilities by almost every association with which he has been identified. For many years he was treasurer of the Shamokin Bible Society, and treasurer of the local advisory board of the Children's Home Society of Pennsylvania. He is a prominent member of the Protestant Episcopal denomination, a lay reader and warden of his home church—Trinity—in Shamokin, and is superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a member of the Laymen's Club; of the Church club of the Diocese of Harrisburg (Pa.), being one of its founders; and of the Church Historical Society; is a member of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Harrisburg and has been since its organization, in November, 1904; is a member of the national council (United States) of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and president of the Local Assembly of the same of the Archdeaconry of Williamsport. Other organizations in which he holds membership are the

Pennsylvania Forestry Association, the Schuylkill County Historical Society, the American Red Cross, the National Geographical Society, the Art Collectors' Club and the Shamokin Fire Department. In politics Mr. Huber is a Democrat. In 1863, when the Confederate army under Lee invaded the State, he enlisted in Company A, 27th Pennsylvania Volunteer Emergency Men, and served during the crisis.

On Sept. 8, 1869, Mr. Huber was married at Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., to Mary Bloomfield Houston, daughter of John W. and Mary Bloomfield (Martin) Houston, of Columbia. She was born Jan. 10, 1845, and was educated in the public and other schools of Columbia, Pa., taught school in Lancaster county, and later conducted a select school in Mahanoy City for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Huber are the parents of five children: (1) Levi Houston Huber, born at Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 20, 1871, was educated in the public schools of Shamokin, leaving the high school in 1888 to enter the employ of the Shamokin Banking Company, where he remained until May 1, 1896. He enlisted June 14, 1898, in Company E, 12th Regiment P. V. I., and served during the Spanish-American war. In 1899 he was with the United Gas Improvement Company, Philadelphia, and was drug clerk at various places until 1903, when he was appointed to the Government Printing office, Washington, D. C. He attended Georgetown University, Medical Department, 1902-1903, and entered George Washington University, Medical Department, Washington, D. C., 1903, and graduated therefrom June 6, 1906. He was appointed Feb. 29, 1908, physician, in the U. S. Indian Service, Fort Peck Agency, stationed at Wolf Point, Mont. He married at Culbertson, Mont., July 6, 1910, Beulah Ethel Greenwald, daughter of the Rev. Daniel J. Greenwald, D. D., and Judith (Bleiler) Greenwald. (2) John Houston Huber, born at Shamokin, Pa., Feb. 2, 1873, graduated from the Shamokin high school with the class of 1891. He was for some time in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and then served for ten years as night shipper for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, at Shamokin. In 1906 he had a position at Seattle, Washington, and the same year was appointed to the United States Arsenal, at Pittsburg, Pa., which place he resigned in 1909 on account of ill health and came back to Shamokin, where he died May 19, 1911. He was a member of the Laymen's Club, Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Liberty Hose Company. (3) Margaret Elizabeth Huber, born Dec. 17, 1874, in Shamokin, Pa., graduated from the Shamokin high school, class of 1893, and attended the Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, in 1897 and 1898. She was married Oct. 18, 1905, to William Kirk Heffelfinger, son of Elmer and Kate (Cleav-

er) Heffelfinger, and they have one son, William Kirk Heffelfinger, Jr., born at Shamokin, Pa., March 22, 1907. (4) Mary Bloomfield Huber, born Feb. 10, 1878, at Shamokin, Pa., was educated in the public schools, leaving the high school before the completion of the course. (5) Gertrude Stees Huber, born at Shamokin, Pa., July 29, 1885, graduated from the high school, class of 1904. She was married June 17, 1909, to Thomas Francis Downing, Jr., son of Thomas F. and Sarah (Forrest) Downing, and they have one daughter, Annette Huber Downing, born March 16, 1910.

In the maternal line Mr. Huber is descended from James Stackpole, a native of Ireland, who married Dorcas Holt, a native of England, and they had the following children: James, Margaret, Thomas and John. All this family were Presbyterians but Margaret, who was a Methodist.

Thomas Stackpole, son of James, born Oct. 3, 1797, one mile below Waynesburg (now McVeytown), Mifflin Co., Pa., was a contractor. He and John Stees (his brother-in-law) were the contractors who built the Union railroad, and it was in the trial trip that he met his death. He was a jolly fellow, a great huntsman, and a member of the military company. In politics he was a Whig. He married June 10, 1824, Elizabeth Stees, and their children, all born in Waynesburg (now McVeytown), Wayne township, were: Margaret, born April 4, 1826; Dorcas, born Dec. 25, 1828; Frederick (no record of birth or death); and Amelia Elizabeth, born Nov. 1, 1831. Margaret, Dorcas and Amelia were Lutherans conditionally at Pine Grove, the two former afterward becoming Presbyterians. Thomas Stackpole died Nov. 6, 1833. His death was caused by a train of cars on the Union railroad between Lorberry and Pine Grove, Pa. (at a point two to two and a half miles above Pine Grove), running over his right leg at the knee joint; death ensuing almost instantly. The cars were drawn by horses and he was in the act of getting on or off the cars when he met his death. His remains were interred in the Pine Grove burial ground of St. Peter's Lutheran and German Reformed Church, Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., on Nov. 8, 1833, and were accompanied to the grave by the military and a large concourse of the citizens. His wife, Elizabeth, died April 26, 1852, at 12 o'clock at night, at Pine Grove, Pa. Her remains were deposited in St. John's Lutheran burial ground, Pine Grove, April 29, 1852. Mrs. Thomas Stackpole's parents, Frederick and Barbara (Moor) Stees, lived in Union county, Pa., where their children were born, as follows: Jacob, Jan. 25, 1790; John, Jan. 31, 1792; Frederick, April 28, 1794; Maria, April 9, 1796; Benjamin, July 16, 1798; Catherine, Sept. 4, 1800; Elizabeth, June 5, 1803 (at Middleburg, Pa.). All of the Stees family were Lutherans.

John Houston, the first ancestor of Mrs. Ivanhoe S. Huber of whom we have record, was of Scotch-Irish descent, came to the United States in 1740 from County Tyrone, Ireland, and settled in the Pequea Valley, in Lancaster county, Pa. He had eight children, among them Dr. John Houston, born in 1742, who was a surgeon in the American army during the Revolutionary war.

Dr. John Houston married May 6, 1773, Susanna Wright, born Aug. 24, 1752. They had a son, James Houston, born May 24, 1779.

James Houston married Jan. 7, 1805, Anna Rhoda Wright, and they had two children, John Wright Houston (born at Columbia, Pa., Aug. 12, 1807) and Susan Eleanor.

John Wright Houston on Sept. 26, 1833, married Mary Bloomfield Martin, who was born at Muncy, Pa., Feb. 2, 1809, and they were the parents of these children: Anna Rhoda, who married Gen. Lewis Merrill, U. S. A.; James Wright, who died in infancy; George Martin, who married Mary May; Eliza Brown, who married Capt. Charles N. Warner, U. S. A.; Emily Wright, who married Col. Richard H. Alexander, U. S. A.; Susan Eleanor; Sarah Wright; Mary Bloomfield, who married Ivanhoe S. Huber; Rachel Vincent; James, who died in infancy; William Augusta, who married Laura Detweiler; and Eleanor Wright, who married Dr. Carl L. Spethmann. John Wright Houston in early life was a druggist, and later on a civil engineer, having helped to lay out and construct the Broad Top railroad near Huntingdon, Pa. During the Civil war, he was connected with the quartermaster's department of the "Merrill Horse," a noted cavalry command. Mr. Houston died July 24, 1869, and Mrs. Houston, Aug. 31, 1878. Her grandfather, Robert Martin, married Mary Bloomfield. They had a son, William Augusta Martin, who about 1806 married Eliza Brown, born Feb. 13, 1786, and they were the parents of these children: George, Mary Bloomfield, Thomas Williamson, Edward, Robert Davidson, Courtland Yardley, Elizabeth Brown, Sarah Wright, Rachel Vincent, William Augusta and Franklin Wright.

HARRY R. DEETER, superintendent of the Lewisburg, Milton and Watsonstown Passenger Railway Company, at Milton, was born in Paradise, this county, April 11, 1872. The Deeter family has lived in Pennsylvania for several generations.

Jacob Deeter, the grandfather, was born in Montour county, Pa., and on reaching manhood took up farming in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, where he died in 1850. He was a deacon and elder in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged. He married Eliza Ann Barr, a native of Lycoming county, Pa., born April 3, 1821, died June 17, 1859,

and buried at Paradise Church. To this union were born two children: William A., mentioned below; and George M., who died unmarried. After Mr. Deeter's death his widow married Daniel Karchner, born March 26, 1814, died April 27, 1889, and buried at Paradise Church. To her second marriage were born Russell K., vice president of the Reid Tobacco Company, and residing at Milton; Martha J.; Anna R.; Nora, deceased.

William A. Deeter, son of Jacob and father of Harry R., was born in Chillisquaque township, Jan. 19, 1846, and followed farming all his active life. In politics he was a Democrat, and he always took a great interest in the welfare of his party. He was twice a candidate for county commissioner, being the nominee of his party both times, but was both times defeated by small majorities at the polls. He served as tax collector in his district. Mr. Deeter was a deacon in the Lutheran church many years. In 1892 he came to Milton where his death occurred July 18, 1894, and his remains were interred in Paradise cemetery. In 1871 he married Margaret Gouger, daughter of John R. Gouger of Montour county. She now makes her home in Milton. This union was blessed with two children, Harry R. and May N.

Harry R. Deeter received his education in the local schools in Paradise, and for one term attended the Milton schools. For five years he was employed by the Reid Tobacco Company, at Milton, and for one year was traveling salesman for a Philadelphia house. On June 1, 1899, he entered the service of the L. M. & W. Passenger Railway Co., as chief clerk, and was advanced to superintendent on Jan. 1, 1911.

Politically Mr. Deeter is a Republican, and he has served on the election board of the Second ward of Milton. He is a member of the Lutheran church. His fraternal connections are with Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M.; and the Improved Order of Heptasophs.

Mr. Deeter married Ida M. Lowe, daughter of Thomas J. Lowe, of Watsonstown, and they have one daughter, Margaret R.

MENGEL. The Mengel family with which this article deals is a Schuylkill county family and many of its members still reside in that region, where the founder, Adam Mengel, settled upon coming to this country. Dr. John S. Mengel, of Trevorton, Northumberland county, is descended from this pioneer through his son Conrad, and Frank J. Mengel, of Sunbury, Northumberland county, is descended through his son John. The family hold reunions, which are well attended, and the officers of the association are: Dr. J. S. Mengel, of Trevorton, Pa., president; M. D. Mengel, vice president; H. S. Mengel, secretary; W. R.

Fehr, treasurer; J. M. Hoffman, of Reading, Pa., historian. The second reunion was held on Labor Day, Sept. 6, 1909, at Bowen's Park, Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania.

Adam Mengel, the first of the family in this country, came from Germany, and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., where Port Clinton is now located. He was one of the promoters and organizers of the old Pine Dale church there, being one of its original members, and he is buried at that church. His children were: George (who lived to the age of ninety years), Conrad, Adam, Philip, John, Jacob, Barney and Catharine (married Michael Hartman).

Conrad Mengel, son of Adam, was born upon the Mengel homestead in Schuylkill county and followed farming. For some time he taught private school. His wife was Susan Rishel, and both died when about seventy-seven years old. They are buried at Auburn, Schuylkill county. They had children as follows: Esther married Dewalt Paff; William R. died in Nebraska, at the age of ninety years; Sophia married Joseph Debinder; Kate married George Matz, (second) Adam Gabey and (third) Abraham Loose; Benjamin married Dorothy Fink; Peter married Mary Faust; Manasses is mentioned below; Lucy married Francis Hoffman and has children, Rosie (wife of William Affleck), Jeremiah M. (who married Laura A. Kantner), Lillie (married Lewis A. Mengel) and John (of San Francisco).

Manasses Mengel, son of Conrad, was born in 1828 at Auburn, Schuylkill county, and died Sept. 6, 1908. He was employed upon the canal for a time, but farming was his principal occupation through life, and he purchased a farm in Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, upon which he settled, cultivating that place until his death, which occurred there. He married Angeline Seltzer, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Faust) Seltzer. Mr. and Mrs. Mengel are buried in the cemetery of the Church of God, at Auburn. They had a large family, as follows: Francis S. (born in 1856, died in 1907) married Rebecca Hehn and had children, Robert, Oscar, John, Francis, Howard, Walter and Edith; John S. is mentioned below; Manasses, who resides in Reading, Pa., married Ida Fahl, by whom he had two children, Harvey and Eva, and (second) Isabella Schwartz, by whom he had one son, Clarence; Ellen married William Fehr, now of Easton, Pa., and they have children, Howard, Bertha, William, Charles and Lester; George, who is living upon the homestead in Wayne township, Schuylkill county, married Lucy Jamison, and they have children, Charles, Amy, Foster, Minnie, Elsie, Jennie, Abner, Lucy and Dorothy; Howard, now living at Friedensburg, Schuylkill county, married Sallie Reed, and their children are William, Lester, Ellen, Amelia and Irwin; Minnie J. is the wife of Prof. Samuel

G. Smith, a teacher in the high school at Trevorton, and they have children, Carolyn, William, Howard, Herman and Esther; Ida (deceased) married Reuben Mengel, her second cousin; Allen married Jennie Nagel and their children are Miriam and Delina; Bertha married Milton Patchett and is living in Schuylkill county; Bessie married George Sheaffer and has children, Lillie, Edith, Effie and Herman (they live in Schuylkill county).

JOHN S. MENGEL, M. D., of Trevorton, Northumberland county, was born March 7, 1860, at Auburn, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and there received his preliminary education in the public schools. Later he attended the State Normal at Kutztown, Pa., and he received his medical training at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1887. Locating at Greenbrier, Northumberland county, he practiced there until his removal to Trevorton in 1902. Here he has since continued in general practice, having a large circle of patrons in the town and surrounding territory, and he also has the only drug store in the place. Dr. Mengel has, by his useful citizenship and participation in the affairs of the community, become one of its respected and influential members. He is well known among the fraternal orders, belonging to the I. O. O. F. (he is president of the Odd Fellows Hall Association at Trevorton), the P. O. S. of A., the K. G. E., the F. O. E. and the Woodmen of the World. The Doctor has been very active in the Mengel Family Association ever since its organization, and was its first president. Its first reunion was held at Friedensburg, Schuylkill county, in 1908; the second at Schuylkill Haven, in 1909; and the third at Landingville, Schuylkill county, in 1910.

On Feb. 16, 1892, Dr. Mengel married Mary E. Geist, daughter of Andrew and Abbie (Hepler) Geist, and they have three children: Willard G., John G. and Annie G. The family attend the United Evangelical church.

John Mengel, son of the Adam Mengel who came to this country from Germany and settled in Schuylkill county as above related, was a farmer, and lived in the vicinity of Red Church, in West Brunswick township, that county, and he is buried at that church. He and his wife, Elizabeth, were advanced in years when they died. Among their children were: John, Adam, Peter, Joseph, Seth and Jacob.

Mengel records at the Red Church show the following: Johann Phillip, born Nov. 9, 1771; parents Conrad and Catharine. Johannes, born March 15, 1793; parents Adam and Elizabeth. John Edwin, born April 2, 1799; parents John and Elizabeth.

John Edwin Mengel, son of John above, was

born April 2, 1799, and lived and died in Wayne township, Schuylkill county, where he followed farming. He had a farm of 150 acres. He was a member of the Church of Christ, and served as one of the officers of that church. His wife, Rebecca (Moyer), daughter of Jacob and Catherine Moyer, was born Dec. 28, 1809, and died Feb. 8, 1897. Mr. Mengel died in 1876, and they are buried side by side in the cemetery of the Evangelical church at Reedsville, in Wayne township, Schuylkill county. They were the parents of thirteen children, namely: Sarah, who married Joseph Moyer; Dianah, who married Henry Gerhard; Priscilla, who died in youth; Rebecca, wife of J. B. Reber; Emma, wife of Seth Lenhart; Louisa, Mrs. Daniel Moyer; Thomas; Frank; Edward; John; Daniel; and one son and one daughter, who died young.

Rev. Edward Mengel, son of John, was born May 6, 1837, and died April 25, 1897. He is buried in the cemetery of the Reformed Church at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county. Mr. Mengel was a farmer by occupation, owning and operating a farm of ninety acres, but he devoted much time to religious work, being noted for his pious and Godly life. He was a leading member and local minister of the Church of Christ, frequently preaching sermons, held various offices in the church and was also an enthusiastic Sunday school worker, serving as superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Mengel married Priscilla Gerhard, who was born May 4, 1837, daughter of Henry and Salome Gerhard, her people coming from the Tulpehocken Valley, in Berks county. Mrs. Mengel died Aug. 9, 1874. Her funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Leise. Eight children were born to their union: Esther V. married John Werner; James A. is a resident of Mount Pulaski, Ill.; Annie P. died in 1907, unmarried; Sallie married William H. Blackton; Thomas E. lives in San Francisco, Cal.; Albert M. died July 6, 1906, at Orwigsburg, Pa.; Emma L. (deceased), was the wife of Harry Charles; Frank J. is a resident of Sunbury.

FRANK J. MENGEL, son of Rev. Edward, was born Dec. 27, 1871, in Wayne township, Schuylkill county, and there received his education in the public schools. He spent his early life in his native place, and was reared on the farm. When seventeen years old Mr. Mengel learned the art of telegraphy in the service of the Reading Railway Company, at Auburn, Schuylkill county, working for that company about four years. In 1892 he changed to the Pennsylvania Railway Company, in whose employ he has since remained, and he has been located at Sunbury since 1894. In 1902 he was promoted to his present position, that of train dispatcher at that point. Mr. Mengel is a reliable worker, and has the confidence of his superiors, gained by conscientious service and

trustworthiness in the discharge of all his duties.

Since becoming a resident of Sunbury Mr. Mengel has traveled very extensively in North America. In 1901 he crossed the continent and spent some time on the Pacific coast, visiting the Catalina islands and the old historic bay of Monterey, scaling Mount Lowe in California, and on his return trip ascending Pike's Peak in a snowstorm on Aug. 7th. In 1906, with his wife and daughter Esther, he made a trip to Canada. In 1907 they took a trip along the New England coast, visiting Bunker Hill and other places of historic interest. In 1908 they made a trip to the Gulf of Mexico and as far west as Salt Lake City, on July 1st of that year scaling Pike's Peak, where Mr. Mengel had his second experience of a snowstorm in summer. In 1909 they traveled through the Middle Western States. In 1910 business matters prevented them taking their annual trip. It has been Mr. Mengel's aim to visit and study the marvels of North America rather than go abroad, yet he would very much like to make a journey to Prussia, the land from which his ancestors were exiled for their religious activities during and following Luther's reformation.

On Dec. 11, 1902, Mr. Mengel married Laura Shipe, daughter of Freeman and Mary (Hallman) Shipe and granddaughter of Solomon Shipe, of Rockefeller township, this county. Freeman Shipe is a carpenter and lives in Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Mengel have one child, Esther Luella. Mr. Mengel is a leading member of the Catawissa Avenue Methodist church, in whose life he has been most active. He was chairman of the building committee that had in charge the rebuilding of the present edifice, in 1910, is a member of the board of trustees, and teacher of the men's Bible class. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum and in political connection he is a Republican, though independent in his support of candidates.

KLOCK. The first ancestor of this old family in America was Peter Klock, a German by birth, who came to this country about 1750. His first location was somewhere in Berks county, in the Province of Pennsylvania, according to some in Bern township, according to others near Womelsdorf, and again in Oley township. It is probable that the last named location is more nearly the correct one. At any rate, Oley township was the home of one Peter Kluck in 1756, on March 24th of which year the house of Peter Kluck, about fourteen miles from Reading, was set on fire by the savages, and the whole family killed. (Berks County History, 1909, says Peter Kluck and family, of Albany, were killed by the Indians in March, 1756.) While the flames were still ascending the Indians made an assault upon the house of one Linderman, in which there were two men and

one woman, all of whom ran upstairs, where the woman was killed by a shot which went through the roof.

John Peter Klock, the ancestor of the Klocks in Northumberland county of whom we write, was born Jan. 1, 1743, and as tradition has it that he came to America when seven years old this substantiates the date of 1750 for the emigration of Peter Kluck; whom the Indians killed. Rupp's History makes the statement that the "whole family was killed," which is probably inaccurate, as John Peter Klock is said to have been and undoubtedly was a son of Peter Kluck. He died Dec. 9, 1817, aged seventy-five years, less twenty-four days. His wife, Margareda, born April 10, 1747, died April 4, 1832. They had the following children: John Peter, Jr., was the grandfather of Dr. Henry A. Klock, who died at Mahanoy City, Pa., in 1908, aged fifty-nine years; George had a son Abraham, who is buried at St. Peter's church, Mahanoy, and whose son Noah was county commissioner of Northumberland county; Henry located in Indiana, where his descendants still live; Jacob settled in Virginia before 1790; Valentine is mentioned below; Mrs. Peter Starr lived near Rough and Ready, in Schuylkill county, Pa. According to another account there was also a son David, who lived in Pike township, Berks county, where on Aug. 13, 1818, his son David K. was born. On Feb. 25, 1793, David Klock received a warranty deed for a tract of 343 acres of land, called "Beauty," located on the Little Mahantango creek, near the line of Northumberland and Berks counties. The name in the deed is written Peter Kluck, but in the body of the document it appears as Cluck. It is now pronounced as if written Clock, from which we obtain the spelling Klock, in the German style. The name has been spelled Kluck, Cluck, Clock and Klock, the latter being the commonest and probably the correct form. The descendants of David Klock reside in the northwestern part of Schuylkill county and in Washington and Jackson townships, Northumberland county. The late Dr. Henry A. Klock, of Mahanoy, devoted considerable attention during 1907 to tracing the family history, but he died during 1908 before the completion of his laudable undertaking.

In the foregoing account Valentine Klock, the ancestor of the Klocks to which this article is specially devoted, is given as a son of John Peter Klock. According to another account he was probably a son of David Klock, Sr. He was born March 27, 1786, lived in Jackson township, and was a blacksmith and farmer, owning a tract of many acres, which has since been divided into different farms. Felix Klock, one of his grandsons, owns forty acres of this old homestead. Valentine Klock was engaged in blacksmithing near Mahanoy. He died Sept. 11, 1870, and is buried

at St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy, of which he was a Lutheran member. His wife, Maria Zerbe, was born Oct. 17, 1788, and died May 30, 1866. They had children as follows: Felix died unmarried; Peter lived near Mahanoy Church on the farm now owned by Felix Klock (he married Esther Schlegel and their children were John, Daniel, Frank, Joseph, David, Harriet, Clinton and Andrew); John is mentioned below; Daniel settled in Illinois; Rebecca married a Mr. Krebs and they also located in Illinois; Catharine married Jacob Zerfing and they lived in Washington township, this county; Sallie married John Schlegel; Judith died unmarried.

John Klock, son of Valentine, was born Aug. 11, 1818, in Upper Mahanoy township, and died Aug. 3, 1863. He is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy, of which he was an official member. Mr. Klock owned a tract of twenty-seven acres in Jackson township, and he was a carpenter by trade, during the winter time working in his shop. He built a number of houses and barns, and had a thriving business, teaching the trade to a number of apprentices and employing as many as five men during his busy seasons. He had an excellent reputation as a mechanic, and was known to all as a useful citizen, worthy of the esteem which he enjoyed among his fellowmen. On Oct. 19, 1862, Mr. Klock enlisted in Company D (Capt. George Ship, Jr.), 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, for nine months' service, and he is described as being five feet, ten inches in height, of dark complexion, and with gray hair. He was discharged from the service Aug. 1, 1863, at Harrisburg, where he died two days later, Aug. 3, 1863, while marching with his regiment; he is buried at St. Peter's church in Mahanoy.

Mr. Klock married Elizabeth Rebeck, who was born June 8, 1826, daughter of Peter Rebeck; his mother's maiden name was Stepp. Mrs. Klock died Aug. 31, 1871, the mother of the following named children: Felix is mentioned below; Frank R. is mentioned below; Sarah Webster Leffler; Galen R. is mentioned below; Clinton is deceased; Wilhelmina, unmarried, lives at Berrysburg, Pa.; Miranda, unmarried, who lives at Sunbury, has been an invalid since 1874; Samuel is a resident of Washington township.

FRANK R. KLOCK, a retired farmer, now living in the borough of Sunbury, Northumberland county, was born Oct. 30, 1849, in Jackson township. He attended the schools at Mahanoy, in that township, and from his earliest years was trained to farm work, which he continued to follow throughout his active years. Living for a time in Jackson township, and then for three years in Little Mahanoy township, in 1882 he settled in Lower Augusta township, where he has a tract of seventy acres, his son Calvin now renting and operating this place. Upon his retirement, in

1908, he moved to Sunbury, where his home is at No. 809 East Market street, owning that place and another piece of property in the borough. Mr. Klock has always taken an interest in the public affairs of the community, and while a resident of Lower Augusta township he served three years as school director. In Little Mahanoy township he was constable for one year. Politically he is a Democrat, and in religion he is a Lutheran, his family also belonging to that church. During his residence in Lower Augusta township he served the church in an official capacity.

On Feb. 29, 1882, Mr. Klock married Harriet Dunkelberger, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Malick) Dunkelberger and granddaughter of Christophel Dunkelberger, of Little Mahanoy township. They have two children: Howard D., of Lower Augusta township; and Calvin D., who farms his father's old place in Lower Augusta township.

GALEN R. KLOCK, a farmer near Mahanoy, in Jackson township, was born in that township April 18, 1853, and when nineteen years old commenced to learn the trade of miller. After following it about three years, he went to Ogle county, Ill., in 1874, and there remained for three months. Proceeding farther west, he lived at Milton Junction, Iowa, for three years. Returning to his home in Pennsylvania Christmas day, 1877, he soon went to Shamokin, where he was in the hotel business for one year, and then for two years he returned to the occupation of his youth, farming, in Jackson township. For six months he was United States mail driver between Dornsife and Pitman, and after his marriage, which took place in 1880, he worked on the railroad for about six years. The next three years he was an employee of the National Transit Company. In July, 1895, Mr. Klock purchased the J. H. Hoffman homestead, near Mahanoy, where he has since made his home, having moved to this place soon after it came into his possession. This farm consists of seventy-five acres located along the State road from Herndon to Mahanoy. Mr. Klock has interested himself in local affairs to some extent, has served six years as supervisor, was roadmaster for three years, and is at present overseer of the poor. He is a Democrat in political faith.

In 1880 Mr. Klock married Amanda Agnes Kulp, who was born in Berks county, Pa., daughter of John and Caroline (Rhoad) Kulp, of Jackson township, and they have had children as follows: Thola M., who married Frank Selgrath, of Mahanoy City; Dora J., John H., Mary E., George L., Katie E. and Anna M., all of whom reside at home. Mr. Klock and his family are members of the Lutheran congregation of St. Peter's church, at Mahanoy, and he has served as deacon of that organization.

FELIX KLOCK, a farmer near Mahanoy, now

Red Cross, in Washington township, was born Jan. 16, 1847, on the farm of his grandfather, Valentine Klock, in Jackson township. He was reared to farm life, and in his twenty-first year went to learn shoemaking, which trade he followed for twenty-three years, in Jordan and Jackson townships. In 1890 he began farming at his present home in Washington township, a farm of 145 acres formerly owned by one of his uncles. It is good land, and under the management of the present owner has yielded an excellent income. Mr. Klock built a large frame dwelling house there in 1903. He has always been energetic and ambitious, and for sixteen years he followed threshing as well as farming, being regarded as one of the best threshers in his end of Northumberland county. He operated an up-to-date outfit, and has threshed as much as 47,000 bushels of grain in one season. In this connection he became particularly well known. Mr. Klock is a Democrat and served one term as school director of Washington township. He is a Lutheran member of St. Peter's church, where many generations of the Klock family have worshipped, and many of the name are buried in the cemetery there.

On May 16, 1869, Mr. Klock married Sarah Adelia Bordner, and they have had twelve children: Alice, wife of Jerre Spotts; Lizzie M., who died young; Jonathan E., of the State of Washington; George F., who died when twenty-five years old, leaving three children, Charles H., William E. and George F.; Susan B., wife of Francis W. Hoffman; Dorsey L., of Washington township; Charlena J., who died in infancy; Carrie A., who married George Schaffer; J. Cleveland, of Herndon, Pa.; Francis M.; Minnie A., who has been an invalid all her life, and William A.

BORDNER. The Bordner family, to which Mrs. Felix Klock belongs, is descended from Balthaser (Baltser) Bordner, who at the age of thirty-four years, together with his wife Marilles, aged thirty-seven years, and three children—Jacob, Hanna and Mela, aged ten, eight and seven years, respectively, sailed from Rotterdam on the ship "Adventurer," and landed at Philadelphia Sept. 22, 1732. Balthaser Bordner settled in Tulpehocken township, Lancaster (now Berks) county, immediately after landing, and died there in 1747.

Jacob Bordner, son of Balthaser, was born in 1722. He was executor of his father's estate, and on April 10, 1761, was naturalized as a citizen of Tulpehocken township, Berks county, at the Supreme court of Philadelphia. On June 20, 1761, he purchased from Thomas and Richard Penn the present Bordner homestead, which had been leased to Jacob Hoffman, who was unable to pay his rental. Since that day the homestead has been owned by a son of each successive generation. Jacob Bordner married Sarah Balt, and they

reared a family of seven children: Jacob (2), John, William, Daniel, Peter, Anna Maria and Barbara. The father died in 1792, and by his will the homestead passed to his eldest son, Jacob (2).

Jacob Bordner (2), son of Jacob, was born in 1754, and spent his whole life upon the homestead. He was married to Anna Maria Brosz, seven years his junior. They had a family of six children: Jacob (3), John, Catharine, Elizabeth, Julian and Susanna. Jacob Bordner (2) died in 1837, willing the homestead to his eldest son Jacob (3). The widowed mother survived her husband two years.

Balthaser Bordner, grandfather of Mrs. Felix Klock, was of this stock. He was born in the Tulpehocken Valley, in Berks county, and at an early date settled in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, acquiring a large tract of land, which has now been divided into four farms. The original homestead now belongs to the Hain estate. Mr. Bordner was a lifelong farmer. He was born Feb. 21, 1778, and died Jan. 13, 1853, and is buried at Zion's Stone Valley church. His wife, Mary Magdalena Emerich, daughter of Jacob Emerich, a pioneer of the Tulpehocken Valley, was also of old Berks county stock. She was born April 22, 1782, and died Nov. 1, 1870. Their children were: Jacob, John, Jonathan (born Nov. 23, 1806, died Oct. 27, 1887; wife Leah Keihl, born May 28, 1809, died May 10, 1877), Peter, Molly, Elizabeth, Lucy, Catharine, Joseph, Isaac, Philip (died unmarried at the age of sixty-one and is buried at Stone Valley church) and George.

Jacob Bordner, one of the sons of Balthaser and Mary Magd. (Emerich) Bordner, died Nov. 23, 1845, aged forty-one years, one month, four days. He was a butcher by occupation. His wife, Magdalena (Wolf), died June 29, 1844, aged thirty-six years, two months, twenty-nine days. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: (1) George is mentioned below. (2) Lucian, born Jan. 20, 1827, died May 7, 1831, and is buried at Williamsville, Erie Co., N. Y., from the cemetery at which place many of the dates in this article have been obtained. (3) Augustus, born Jan. 9, 1829, lived at Burr Oak, Mich., was a cooper and mason by trade, and during the latter part of his active life was occupied as a drayman. He died April 13, 1909. On June 8, 1858, he married Catharine Lavin, born Sept. 20, 1839, died Jan. 14, 1905. They had children: George E., born Aug. 15, 1859, a jeweler of Mason, Mich., married Nettie Breed and they have one daughter, Lenigene; Benjamin F., born April 18, 1861, married Carrie Betcher and they have one daughter, Hazel. (4) Sarah, born April 2, 1832, in Erie county, was married July 8, 1850, to A. N. Hill, a cooper, who lived at Three Rivers, Mich. She died Feb. 13, 1907. Three daughters were born to this union: Martha, who married John

Packard (a cooper) and died several years ago (no children); Emma, unmarried, who lives with her father; and Ida, who married Alex. Hall, a painter, of Three Rivers, Mich. (they have no children). (5) William, born June 6, 1833, died April 18, 1857. (6) Elias, born May 21, 1836, died April 10, 1848, and is buried at Williamsville, N. Y. (7) Henry is a farmer at Onawa, Monona Co., Iowa. (8) Benjamin F., born Aug. 2, 1841, is a farmer by occupation. During the Civil war he served in Company K, 11th Michigan Infantry. He married Mary Dunlap, who was born Oct. 28, 1842, and they had children: Ralph, born Nov. 14, 1870, a farmer, married Viola Everet, who was born July 19, 1879, and they have three children, Clare (born Nov. 30, 1897), Zada (born April 2, 1903) and Irene (born Oct. 24, 1909); Guy D., born May 4, 1876, cashier of the First National Bank of Burr Oak, Mich., married Vinnie Woodman, born Sept. 25, 1876, and they have three children, Howard (born July 23, 1903), Dorothy (born Aug. 25, 1907) and John Benjamin (born Nov. 18, 1909); Mark, born July 19, 1879, a carpenter, married Mamie McKee, born Dec. 30, 1877, and they have two children, Isabel (born Jan. 20, 1903) and Rea (born March 7, 1906). (9) Martha, born July 19, 1843, married Hiram Pyle, a blacksmith, of Burr Oak, Mich., and they have three daughters, all married: Mrs. Mary Watson, the eldest, lives in Coldwater, Mich.; Mrs. Sarah Plant lives on a farm at Burr Oak, Mich.; Mrs. Mina Stewart lives in Sturgis, Michigan.

George Bordner, eldest son of Jacob, was born Feb. 28, 1825, in Erie county, Pa., and died May 20, 1903. He lived at Burr Oak, Mich., and followed the trade of mason. Fraternally he was a Freemason. He was married Sept. 29, 1850, and his wife, Catharine (Phillips), died July 19, 1896. They had children as follows: Lucius A., born Aug. 10, 1851, died June 1, 1852, and is buried at Williamsville, N. Y.; William H., born Dec. 10, 1853, is mentioned below; Charles A., born June 7, 1855, lives at Pasadena, Cal., and is engaged at manual labor (he married Audra Morgan); Hattie C., born March 7, 1859, still lives on the place at Burr Oak, Mich., where she was born.

William H. Bordner, son of George, was born Dec. 10, 1853, at Williamsville, Erie Co., N. Y., and is a blacksmith and machinist of Burr Oak, Mich. He is the patentee and manufacturer of the "Hold-Fast" marsh or mud shoe for horses, and follows blacksmithing in all its branches, wood working, and machinists' work of all kinds, also dealing in junk. Mr. Bordner married Addie S. Gregg, who was born Nov. 27, 1854, and they have three children: (1) Mabel C., born Nov. 29, 1879, married Harry Van Etta, a druggist, born July 21, 1869, and their home is at

Orland, Ind. They have two children: Maxon, born July 29, 1904, and Richard, born June 22, 1908. (2) Elmer Lloyd, born Dec. 21, 1883, is a machinist and is now in Chicago, Ill. (3) Gela B., born Aug. 7, 1888, married Alpheus J. Miller, a farmer, who was born March 1, 1887, and they live at Sturgis, Michigan.

Jonathan Bordner, son of Balthaser, and his wife Leah (Keihl) had nine children, as follows: Katie married Isaac Duttry; Lizzie married Moses Heckert and died Sept. 15, 1910; Sarah died unmarried; Louise married George Lahr; Corlina married Adam Daniel; John married Lovina Weary (buried at Shamokin); Emanuel married Mary Dreigo and is buried at Miser's Church in Snyder county; William married Polly Derrick and died in May, 1908 (he is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church; his widow lives in Georgetown); Leah, born Sept. 4, 1839, married John Tressler (who is serving as justice of the peace in Washington township, an office he has held for the past fifty years) and they have had eleven children, David (born Oct. 12, 1858, died aged four months, seven days), Mary Ann (born March 17, 1860, died Nov. 12, 1863, buried at St. Peter's Church), Sarah Alice (born July 12, 1861, died Nov. 23, 1863, buried at St. Peter's Church), Minnie Minerva (married Daniel Schlegel and has one son, Jay), Adam B. (married Amelia Stepp, died Oct. 6, 1908, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy; they had two children, Curtis C., of Trevorton, and Gertrude M., who lives with her mother at Mahanoy—now Red Cross), Henry (born Oct. 11, 1864, married Katie Harris and has two children, Carrie E. and Ann), Jacob F. (born Dec. 19, 1866, married Nora Byerly and has five children, Charles I., Daisy N., Mary E., John Jacob and Goldie; of these, Charles I. married Mary A. Spotts, granddaughter of Felix and Sarah A. Klock, and they have three sons, Norman L., Luther I. and an infant), Anna (born Nov. 4, 1870, married Maurice Bower), Almeretta (born May 9, 1871, married John Krisinger and had four children, of whom Katie died June 18, 1911, Bertha is at home and Edgar is deceased), Katie S. (born in 1872, died May 21, 1893, and is buried at St. Peter's; she married Samuel Diehl and had three children, Harvey E., Gertie and Mabel) and Charlie J. (born July 15, 1873, graduated from the Kutztown school and taught many years, and is now cashier of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company; he married Louise Geise).

Isaac Bordner, son of Balthaser and Mary Magd. (Fmerich) Bordner, was born May 7, 1822, and died Aug. 15, 1899. In 1849 he married Mary Magdalena Eyster, who died in 1871. Their children were: John, mentioned below; Amelia Catherine, born Sept. 26, 1853, who has never

married and has always made her home with her brother John; and Henrietta, born Feb. 10, 1857, who married Joseph Kauffman in 1873 and died Feb. 23, 1875. All these children were born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

John Bordner, born Oct. 28, 1849, was a farmer throughout his active years, on the place now cultivated by his sons John S. and William H. Bordner, and he and his wife, sister Amelia and two daughters now live just a half mile from that place. In 1876 he married Catherine Ann Dohmer, and they have five children: (1) John S., born Feb. 23, 1877, was married June 10, 1908, to Stanta Dora Lung. (2) William H., born Sept. 12, 1879, is in business in partnership with his brother John. (3) George E., born June 7, 1881, married Nov. 26, 1902, Edna May Stutsman, and their children are Russell (born Aug. 4, 1903) and Kenneth (born Dec. 15, 1906). (4) Ida Elizabeth, born Sept. 21, 1883, and (5) Mabel Bernice, born July 5, 1899, reside with their parents. All the children and grandchildren of John Bordner have been born in Elkhart county, Ind. John S. and William H. Bordner are now on their father's old farm at Bristol, that county, engaged in scientific agriculture, specializing in the scientific raising of farm crops and also of stock. Their place is known as The Bordner Plant and Animal Breeding Station. Both brothers are college men, John S. of Indiana and Michigan Universities, and William H. of Purdue. While the former was a student at Indiana University he formed the acquaintance of several families of Bordners of Brookston, Ind., who knew considerable about the early history of the family. They claimed the Bordners were Swiss Germans, and said their brother, a professor in some eastern Pennsylvania College, had in his possession the original deed received by the first ancestor on this continent and his bachelor brother (the latter never married). The land was located in one of the counties south of Northumberland.

Joseph Bordner, son of Balthaser, married Susanna Michael and had seven children, four of whom died in infancy. The others were: Henry, a sailor, who died at Harrisburg, unmarried; Catharine, wife of Joseph Klock, son of Peter Klock (lived at Urban); and Susan, who married Daniel Shappell, died at Shamokin, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy.

Molly Bordner, daughter of Balthaser, married Paul Lahr, of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth Bordner, daughter of Balthaser, married John Dockey, of Stone Valley, and had seven children, five of whom died in infancy: Lucetta married John Michael, and died in 1903; John died unmarried in 1863.

Lucy Bordner, daughter of Balthaser, married Daniel Michael, a blacksmith, and is buried at

Zion's Church, Stone Valley. She had eight children: Isaac, John, Daniel, Emanuel, Franklin, Henry, Harriet and Elizabeth.

Catharine Bordner, daughter of Balthaser, married Eliah Enderson, lived in Snyder county, and is buried at Chapman, that county. She had eight children; James B., Mary P., Sarah A., Cornelia J., Josephine B., Eveline C., Mahala N. and Benton.

Peter Bordner, son of Balthaser, born Feb. 3, 1811, in Lower Mahanoy township, died in 1904 and is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church. He was a blacksmith. His wife, Polly (Hepner), born in 1813, died in July, 1876, and is buried at Stone Valley Church. They had twelve children: Sarah married Henry Kemble; Polly married Hiram Brown; Rebecca married Jonathan Bobb; Catharine married Jonathan Hoffman; Elizabeth died in infancy; Jane married Daniel Engle; Mary married John Richenbach; Isaac married Harriet Richenbach; Benjamin married Sarah Rose; Samuel married Rose Leckel; Henry died in infancy; Frederick married Tillie McCurdy. Of this family, Jonathan and Rebecca (Bordner) Bobb had the following children: Lewis, a farmer and plasterer, who lives at Red Cross (formerly known as Mahanoy), married Alice Rebeck and has four children, Calvin E. (married Katie Ferster), Annie E. (a student at the Lancaster business college), Edgar E. and George E.; Meclata married Galen Lahr, lives near Dalmatia, and has seven children: Frank, who lives at Herndon, married Lizzie Long and they have five children; John, who lives at Philadelphia, married Mary Rietz, and they have had four children, only one of whom survives.

George Bordner, youngest son of Balthaser and Mary Magd. (Emerich) Bordner, was a tailor by trade, and also had a small farm. He moved West twice, but came back to Pennsylvania to live, making his home in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland Co., Pa. He died Sept. 21, 1897, aged seventy-five years, four months, twenty-three days. His wife, Susanna (Phillips), died July 3, 1892, aged sixty-three years, three months, thirteen days. Ten children were born to their union, namely: (1) A son, born in 1847, died in infancy. (2) Sarah Adelia, born in 1849, married Felix Klock. (3) Henry M., born in 1853, died in 1887. He married Sarah E. Seiler, of near Dalmatia, and had six children, Lennie (married James Bogar), Charles N. (married a Miss Haas, of near Sunbury), William E., Susan E., George N. and one that died in infancy. All of this family are now deceased. (4) Mary E., born in 1855, married J. W. Kline, and is living at Spokane, Wash. They had eight children: Daisy L., deceased; George F.; Susan B., wife of Dr. Mitchell, of Oregon; Cora, wife of Henry Hummel, of Waterville, Wash.; John, deceased; Frank, of

Spokane; Clarence, of Spokane; and Nettie, living at home, in Spokane. (5) A son, born in 1857, died in infancy. (6) Jeremiah J., born in 1859, a resident of Greene, Pa., married Matilda Snyder, of that place. (7) Isaac E., born in 1861, married Anna Enderson, and lives at Riverside, Pa. (8) Lucian O. was born in 1863. (9) Lizzie C., born in 1865, married John Phillips and lives at Plum Creek, where he is engaged in farming and dairying. He also owns a farm at Hickory Corners, this county. (10) George Franklin, born in 1870, lives in Nebraska, where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits, owning a large farm. He married Mary Heckerd, of Dalmatia.

JOHN J. SMITH, present street commissioner of Sunbury, has been a popular official of that borough for many years, having served his fellow citizens in various important capacities. He is widely and favorably known, and his duties of a public nature have brought him into contact with so many residents of the place that few citizens, at any rate of his own generation, do not count him among their acquaintances. He has lived in Sunbury since the close of his service in the army during the Civil war.

Mr. Smith's grandfather, James Smith, was born and reared in Bucks county, this State. He served as a soldier in the Revolution, in what was known as the Pennsylvania Provisionals, and the musket he used in the Colonial service is now in the possession of one of his grandsons—a highly prized heirloom. In 1787 he came from Bucks county to Northumberland, being a pioneer at Sunbury, where in 1796 he built a hotel on the present site of the residence of Mrs. Louisa A. Moore (daughter of the late Ira T. Clement), conducting same for many years. His grandson John J. Smith, of Sunbury, has the board upon which the year the hotel was erected, 1796, appears. James Smith served some years as clerk in the office of the county prothonotary. In his later life he made his home for several years with his son James, at Reading, Pa., but he returned to Sunbury, where he lived with his daughter Catharine (Mrs. Withington) until his death. He is buried in the old South Fourth street cemetery. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife, Barbara Ann (Vanholdt), was from Bucks county, her people living in the city of Philadelphia and in Bucks county. An oil portrait of her now in the possession of her grandson, John J. Smith, is in a fine state of preservation and highly valued by the owner. James and Barbara Ann (Vanholdt) Smith had quite a large family, but a number of their children died when small. We have record of: Jacob, who lived and died at Selinsgrove, Pa.; James; John, a farmer of Upper Augusta township, who after his retirement lived in Sunbury, where he died; Catharine, wife of

William Withington; Polly, who married Robert Smith, and lived in Lower Augusta township; and Mrs. Benjamin Williams.

James Smith, son of James, was born in Sunbury in January, 1805, and there grew to manhood. He learned the tanner's trade in his native place, whence when a young man he moved to Berks county, this State, settling near Reading, at Tuckerton, in Muhlenberg township. At that location he remained about sixteen years, during which time he married and all his children were born. Returning to Northumberland county in 1846, he settled in Upper Augusta township, where he followed tanning and farming some years, until he bought and removed to a farm in Point township. He cultivated that place until 1871, in which year he came to Sunbury to make his home with his son John J. Smith. He died at the home of this son Jan. 1, 1880, his wife, Catharine (Medler), passing away at the same place May 31, 1875, at the age of seventy-five. They were the parents of six children: George W., formerly a merchant at Sunbury, moved west in 1882 and died at Salina, Kans.; Catharine died in infancy; Mary J., who is unmarried, makes her home with her brother John J.; Calvin died in infancy; James D. is a resident of Sunbury; John J. is a resident of Sunbury.

John J. Smith was born April 13, 1842, near Reading, Berks Co., Pa., but was practically reared in Northumberland county, the family having settled here when he was very young. During the Civil war he enlisted at Philadelphia in Company H, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served twenty months, entering the service as private and being discharged as a corporal. He was wounded April 11, 1863, in the second battle fought near Williamsburg, Va., being shot in the left leg, which was amputated, and he was discharged June 3, 1863. Coming to Sunbury, he took a six months' course in a private school and then learned the tinsmith's trade, at which he worked until the end of the year 1869, when he went to Virginia for a short time. Returning to Sunbury, he was honored with appointment to the office of postmaster in 1871, during Grant's administration, and filled the position for a period of ten years, his efficient services giving general satisfaction. Mr. Smith was then elected justice of the peace of the old West Ward, serving as such for five years. In 1884 he was elected street commissioner, which office he held for ten successive years, after which he was engaged as inspector of paved streets and followed contracting on his own account until 1909, when the town council appointed him street commissioner. His long experience in that office, and his consequent familiarity with the streets of the borough, make him a most efficient and reliable man for this work, in which he has shown excellent judgment and trustworthiness. He is a

popular man personally as well as in official circles. Mr. Smith has been a member of No. 1 Steam Fire Company since its organization, and since 1878 has been president, so far as known the oldest president of a volunteer fire company in the State still in office.

In 1871 Mr. Smith married Lydia S. Diehl, daughter of William Diehl, a farmer and blacksmith of Point township, this county; Mrs. Diehl's maiden name was Fry. Four children have been born to this union: William J., who is a sergeant in the United States army; Jessie J., at home; Anna E., wife of M. D. Grove and living at West Milton, Pa.; and Mary M., at home. The family residence is at No. 214 South Fourth street, Sunbury. Mr. Smith and his family are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Sunbury. He is a Republican in political faith, and socially a prominent member of Lieut. W. A. Bruner Post, No. 335, G. A. R., of which he has been commander since 1905.

WILLIAM BRUCE CLINGER, treasurer of the Milton Manufacturing Company, in the borough of Milton, is one of the native young men of that place who have risen to position and substance through their own exertions. He entered the service of the Shimers, who control that company, in the capacity of typewriter, and the important work now intrusted to him has come to him as the reward of diligence and well directed effort. Mr. Clinger has spent all his life in Milton, having been born there Sept. 15, 1874.

Mr. Clinger is of the sixth generation of his family in America. John Clinger, the emigrant ancestor of his family, was born in Germany, whence he emigrated to this country about 1745, settling at what was then known as Chester Springs, in Chester county, Pa. He took up land in that vicinity and followed farming there the rest of his days. His wife's maiden name was Sloyer, and it is supposed she belonged to the family of that name who came from Germany to America with John Clinger. Both are buried in Chester county.

John Clinger (2), son of John, was born at Chester Springs, and died in Chester county, where he is buried, at Homeville. He was a miller as well as farmer. He and his wife reared a large family, as follows: Jacob, who died at Homeville, Pa.; Henry; Samuel, who died at Camden, N. J.; Dr. Peter, who died at Conestoga Center, Lancaster Co., Pa.; Edgar, who died in Chester county; Margaret, Mrs. Rhoads; Ann, who married Thomas Pennington; and Hannah, Mrs. Booth.

Henry Clinger, son of John and grandson of the emigrant, was the father of Daniel Clinger, of Milton. He was born Sept. 29, 1796, in Limestone township, Lycoming Co., Pa., and died

March 3, 1854, aged fifty-seven years, five months, four days; he is buried at Collomsville, in Limestone township. When a young man he learned tanning in Berks county from one Peter Clinger. He was married there, and in 1828 moved to Limestone township, Lycoming county, where he bought about four hundred acres of land, his property including a mill site. He erected a tannery and a grist and saw mill along one of the small streams in that township, and he became one of the best known men in all that section, his various business interests bringing him into contact, in some relation or other, with almost all of the residents of the neighborhood. He continued to do business for many years, and meantime served also as county commissioner (1850), several years as justice of the peace, and as land surveyor and conveyancer. He was a Democrat in politics. In his early years he served as colonel of a military organization, and he was long an active member of the Reformed Church, in which he was an elder for many years. Fraternally he was a Mason.

On May 18, 1823, Mr. Clinger was married, at Reading, Pa., to Susan Wagner, who was born Dec. 25, 1803, in Berks county, daughter of Abraham and Catharine (Greenwalt) Wagner, and died Oct. 25, 1896. Nine children were born to this union, namely: Mary, who married Michael Sypher, of Antes Fort, Lycoming county, and who is now living at Jersey Shore, Pa., with her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Bubb; Catharine, who married Adam Baker, formerly of Winchester, Va., and now residing at Newberry, Pa.; Susan A., who married John Knauff, and resides at Milton, Pa.; John W., who died at Winchester, Va.; Abraham, who died at Williamsport, Pa.; Henry S., who died in Limestone township, Lycoming county; Jacob, who died in Limestone township; Daniel; and Edgar, who died aged five years.

John W. Clinger, son of Henry, was born in Lycoming county, Pa., but later became a resident of Winchester, Va., where he died. He was quite an active citizen of his native locality, serving as justice of the peace for many years before his removal to Virginia. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. He married Rebecca Meixell, a native of Union county, Pa.

L. O. Clinger, son of John W., was born Jan. 31, 1852, in Lycoming county, Pa., and was nine years old when he went to Union county. He received his education in the public schools and at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. He first came to Milton in 1865, but a few years later went to Virginia, where he remained four years, returning to Milton, where he was engaged as a bookkeeper until 1883. That year he was appointed agent for the Adams Express Company, which position he continued to hold until his death.

In 1871 Mr. Clinger married Sarah Jane Nagle, daughter of William Nagle, of Milton, and to them were born the following children: John Benton, William Bruce, Sarah Nagle, Mary and Rebecca. Mr. and Mrs. Clinger were members of the German Reformed Church of Milton. He was a Democrat in politics, and in social connection a member of the Royal Arcanum, belonging to the lodge at Lewisburg.

William Bruce Clinger received his education in the schools of Milton. In 1899 he became connected with the Milton Mfg. Co., as typewriter. Later he became bookkeeper, which position he filled for a period of eight years, in 1907 being elected treasurer of the Milton Manufacturing Company. He is considered one of the rising young business men of Milton.

On Oct. 12, 1901, Mr. Clinger married Minnie Angstadt, daughter of Joseph Angstadt, and to them has been born one son, Melchior. Mr. Clinger is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; Williamsport Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Lodge No. 80, I. O. O. F., of Milton.

WILLIAM HENRY SYPHER, now residing near Milton, until recently a prominent young farmer and business man of Turbut township, manager and treasurer of the Turbut Telephone Company, is the eldest son of Henry Jacob Sypher, now a resident of Union county, and a member of a family which has long been established in Pennsylvania.

The family is of German origin, and the first of the name in this country came from the Rhine valley during the early part of the seventeen hundreds, and settled upon the Delaware river near what is now Chester, Pa. Abraham Sypher (great-great-grandfather of William Henry) and five brothers served in the Revolution, participating in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth, and were at Valley Forge with Washington. One of his descendants, Gen. J. Hale Sypher, rose from private to the rank of general in the Civil war, after which he settled in the State of Louisiana, from which he was sent for four terms as representative to Congress.

Capt. Jacob Sypher, son of Abraham, was born in Perry county, Pa., but in early manhood located in White Deer township, Union county, where he conducted a farm and built and operated a sawmill. He earned his title by service in the war of 1812. He married Salome Steece, a native of Union county and member of a well known pioneer family.

Abraham Sypher, son of Capt. Jacob, was born in November, 1821, in White Deer township, and in 1849 moved to Northumberland county, Pa.,

where he spent nine years engaged in farming. Returning to the old homestead, he operated the sawmill for ten years, and in 1869 bought the estate in Gregg township, Union county, where his son Henry J. Sypher now resides, there passing the remainder of his life. He remodeled the gristmill which stood upon the place, and operated it until 1892, when he retired. He died Oct. 9, 1895. He was a Republican in politics. Mr. Sypher married Anna Follmer, who was born March 28, 1824, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, granddaughter of Michael Follmer and daughter of Henry and Eve (Follmer) Follmer, her parents being second cousins; both passed their lives in Turbut township, where Mr. Follmer was extensively engaged in farming and had other business interests, including gristmilling and the manufacture of lumber. Mrs. Sypher died Jan. 30, 1892, a devout member of the Lutheran Church. She and her husband had two children, Henry Jacob and Leah Ann, the latter marrying John W. Bricker, a merchant at Spring Garden, Union county, where he has also been postmaster; Mr. and Mrs. Bricker have had three children, Nathan, Anna and Laura.

Henry Jacob Sypher was born May 19, 1848, at the old home in White Deer township, Union county, where he remained until he reached the age of twenty years. He assisted his father meantime on the farm and in the mill, and spent several winters at work in the woods, receiving only such educational advantages as the country schools of the time afforded. After his marriage he settled in White Deer township, where he operated a sawmill for a year. In 1870 he moved to Turbut township, Northumberland county, where he rented a farm near Follmer's Church for twenty-three years, during which time he became one of the best known and most respected citizens of that locality. During the greater part of this time his agricultural operations were carried on by hired help, under his supervision, his time being taken up principally by his practice as a veterinary surgeon, in which work he is still principally engaged. In 1881, in accordance with a new law, he registered, and between that time and 1892, when he gave up the business temporarily, he averaged one sick animal a day, and sometimes had as many as thirteen under his care at one time. During one year he spent \$350 for remedies. In 1892 he returned to Spring Garden to take charge of the mill, which had been left him by his father, the Spring Garden Grist Mill, in Gregg township, which is kept running night and day, so steady is the demand for the product. He has ground as much as 155 bushels of grain in one day. He has purchased his sister's interest in his father's farm, being now the sole owner of the property. Mr. Sypher has always interested himself in the affairs of the various communities with which he

has been identified. While in Turbut township he served as school director, and he was a prominent member of the Turbut Grange, P. of H., from the time of its organization. He is now a member of Spring Garden Grange, No. 32. In political matters he is independent, giving his support to the best candidate, regardless of party.

On Jan. 14, 1869, Mr. Sypher married, at New Columbia, Pa., Julia Ann Berkheimer, who was born Feb. 24, 1849, in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, and they have reared a family of five children: Anna M., who married Harvey J. Sones, of Turbut township, Northumberland county, a teacher by occupation (he has held the office of township assessor); William Henry; George Abraham, a merchant at Spring Garden, who married Ida Kurtz (born in March, 1874, near the old home of the Sypher family in Northumberland county, daughter of Josiah W. and Sarah Kurtz) and has a daughter, Clara M.; Veronica Idilla, who married Bert Casper and lives in Williamsport; and Bessie Leah, wife of Leroy Hunter, whom she married Dec. 23, 1897, at Spring Garden. Mrs. Sypher and her family are members of the Lutheran Church.

William and Mary Berkheimer, grandparents of Mrs. Sypher, were born in Germany, and coming to America settled on a farm in Northumberland county, Pa. Their son, George Berkheimer, was born there. In 1854 he removed to White Deer township, Union county, where he followed farming and the trade of stonemason. He died in June, 1893, aged seventy-four years. His wife, Mercy (Stanart), daughter of Jonathan and Susannah Stanart, formerly of Northumberland county but later of Lewisburg, Pa. (where he engaged in the manufacture of brooms), died Feb. 7, 1887, aged sixty-four years, four days. They had children as follows: William F. and Susannah died in childhood; George became a farmer in White Deer township; Mary died young; Julia Ann married Henry J. Sypher; Jacob became a resident of Turbut township, Northumberland Co., Pa.; Sarah E. married Dennie Hibler, of Williamsport, Pa.; Andrew, Caroline and Lehr died in childhood; Samuel became a farmer in Northumberland county; Lavina married John Baker, of Limestoneville; Rebecca married William Hoffman, of Northumberland county.

William Henry Sypher was born May 19, 1871, in Turbut township, and there received his education in the local public schools. He spent one year as an employee in the car shops at Milton, and in 1901 bought the place in Turbut township which he still owns, a tract of sixty-five acres of very valuable land. He resided there until March, 1911, when he moved with his family to the fine residence near Milton which he has purchased, renting his farm. He is now engaged in the implement business. Mr. Sypher was one of

the organizers of the Turbut Telephone Company, of which he is a director, treasurer and manager; John A. Leinbach is president. He is a most enterprising citizen, one of the rising business men of his section, and an official who has demonstrated his public spirit in more than one position of trust, having served as constable of his township continuously since 1902, and as member of the school board since 1907. He is now serving as treasurer of that body. He is a Democrat in politics. He is one of the influential and enthusiastic members of the local grange, which has its hall built upon his farm. In religion Mr. Sypher is a Lutheran, and has served his church as trustee and deacon.

Mr. Sypher married Maggie G. Lahr, daughter of William and Sarah E. Lahr, and they have had three children: Morris Henry, born Sept. 17, 1895; Annie M., born Feb. 25, 1898; and Estella M., who died young.

NATHAN KASEMAN, retired, of the borough of Shamokin, was born Aug. 11, 1844, in Rush township, this county, son of David Kaseman and grandson of William Frederick Kaseman.

William Frederick Kaseman was born June 8, 1760, in Nassau-Dilburn, Germany, and when twelve years old came with a brother and sister to this country, landing at Philadelphia. Little is known of his early life except that he was a resident of Berks county from 1772 up to the time of his coming to Northumberland county, about 1815. He purchased a tract of land containing fifty acres in what is now Ralpho township, and was one of the early settlers in that section of the county. He cleared his original purchase, and afterward added to it by further purchases, being a successful farmer and excellent business man. In Berks county he married Elizabeth Huntzner, who was born Aug. 20, 1771, and died June 9, 1862. They were the parents of the following children: Jacob, who died in Ohio; John; Joseph; Daniel; David; Lydia A., who married John Pensyl; Catharine, who was twice married, the second time to Gotlieb Fogle; and Elizabeth, who married Leonard Pensyl. William Frederick Kaseman lived to the remarkable age of 107 years, dying Aug. 1, 1867. Up to within four years of his death he continued to do his share of the farm work. In fact, his great physical endurance was proverbial in the region in which he lived. When he first settled there the nearest store was at Sunbury, where he had to make all his purchases, and he would make the trip barefooted. He was one of the original members of St. Peter's Reformed Church, served as elder, and was buried in the old graveyard of that church.

David Kaseman, son of William Frederick, was born in Shamokin township, was a shoemaker by trade, and died at the early age of twenty-six years.

He is buried at the Blue Church. To him and his wife Elizabeth (Adams), daughter of John and Mary (Boyer) Adams, were born two children: Frederick, who died in 1864, and Nathan.

Nathan Kaseman, son of David, was reared by his paternal grandfather. On Sept. 10, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company F, 50th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and he served in the Western Army and the Army of the Potomac, participating in a number of engagements; he was wounded five times in the lower limbs. He was honorably discharged April 23, 1865. After his return to Shamokin Mr. Kaseman was employed at the collieries and then followed railroading for five years, subsequently clerking for about twenty years, in the hardware stores of W. R. Kutzner, Boughner & Goodwill and Peter Buck. For two years he served as United States gauger for the Fourteenth district, after which he was watchman at the Cameron colliery four years, retiring in 1906. He was one of the first members of Post No. 140, G. A. R., of Shamokin, and is a member of the Union Veterans' Union. His religious connection is with the Blue Church.

Mr. Kaseman married Sarah Schmuck, daughter of Samuel, and she died in 1879, the mother of the following children: Bella (Mrs. Nicholas Mullen), Clara M. (unmarried), Anthony W., Hattie (Mrs. John Shipe), William F. (deceased), Laura M. (deceased), and two that died in infancy. Mr. Kaseman's second marriage was to Catharine Hoch, daughter of Thomas Hoch, who was killed while serving in the Civil war. By this union there were the following children: Nora (Mrs. Calvin Maclure), Nathan, Freeman, Walter, Ether, Hobart, and twins that died in infancy.

HARRY W. CHAMBERLIN, of Milton, Northumberland county, president of the Milton National Bank, lawyer and present borough solicitor, is a member of the third generation of his family to reside in that place and most worthily bears a name which in every generation within memory has had notable representatives. In both his professional association and his relation to the bank he is practically the successor of his grandfather, W. C. Lawson, with whom he studied law and who was president of the Milton National Bank for many years from its organization. Thus, though he had many advantages of position and education, instead of the usual difficulties which confront the young man who cares to make a name for himself, he had to take up the burden of maintaining a standard already set. That he has proved himself able to do that and more his standing in professional and financial circles in Milton to-day, which is second to none, clearly shows.

Mr. Chamberlin was born Aug. 29, 1872, in

Milton, son of William B. Chamberlin. His grandfather, Moses Chamberlin, was born in Union county, Pa., and his great-grandfather, William Chamberlin, was a native of New Jersey, born Sept. 25, 1736, in Hunterdon county. He was a lieutenant colonel in the New Jersey militia, and served as such in the Revolutionary war. Having a soldier's warrant, about 1792 he removed to Buffalo valley and purchased six hundred acres of land at what is Hoffa's Mill, in what is now Kelly township, Union county, where he lived in prosperity until his death. The original mill there was erected by his son William. He was a prominent member of the Baptist Church, and died Aug. 21, 1817.

William Chamberlin was four times married. On June 8, 1758, he married Elizabeth Tinbrook, who was born Aug. 23, 1740, and died April 29, 1770. This union was blessed with the following children: Lewis, born April 16, 1759, who was killed by a cannon-ball at the battle of Germantown, while on a visit to his father (his knee was shot away, and in that day of primitive surgery the injury necessarily proved fatal); Nellie, born Sept. 13, 1761, who died July 3, 1817; Ann, born April 18, 1763; a daughter, born Nov. 12, 1764, who died Dec. 19, 1764; Lucretia, born Dec. 20, 1765, who died Jan. 19, 1841; John, born April 10, 1768, who died May 5, 1770; and William, born April 20, 1770, who died May 5, 1770. On March 3, 1771, Colonel Chamberlin married (second) Ann Park, born May 20, 1754, who died Nov. 12, 1779. They had four children: William, born July 17, 1772; Enoch, born Oct. 30, 1774, who died May 5, 1844 (according to a headstone in the graveyard at Fayette, N. Y., he died May 29, 1834); Timbrook, born March 5, 1777; and Sarah, born May 19, 1779, who died April 8, 1829. In 1782 Colonel Chamberlin married (third) Margaret Park, who was born in 1762 and died April 29, 1791, the mother of four children: Uria, born June 21, 1783, who died Feb. 4, 1853; Elizabeth, born May 22, 1785 (Elizabeth McCrary died March 22, 1827); Aaron, born May 24, 1787, who died Jan. 12, 1856; and Rachel, born Sept. 16, 1789, who died April 9, 1791. The Colonel's fourth marriage, on Aug. 16, 1794, was to Ann Mary Kemble, who was born Nov. 28, 1769, and died March 4, 1859. She came of an old family, of considerable standing, and was on terms of friendship with George Washington, Washington Irving, and other people of note. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a devout student of the Bible, many chapters of which she committed to memory. She was the mother of eight children, namely: Lawrence, born Aug. 4, 1795, who died in 1802; John, born Feb. 8, 1797, who died April 18, 1858; James, born Sept. 30, 1798, who died Aug. 30, 1801; Lewis K., born April 4, 1803, who died Aug. 10, 1889; Mary F., born

Sept. 29, 1804, who died April 3, 1865; Joseph P., born Sept. 18, 1806, who died Feb. 13, 1873; James D., born Oct. 29, 1809, who died Oct. 11, 1886; and Moses, born Nov. 12, 1812.

William Chamberlin, eldest son of William by his second wife, married Nellie Sutphen, who was born Nov. 11, 1771, and they had children born as follows: Anna, July 15, 1793; Mary, March 19, 1795; John, Sept. 1, 1796; Nelly, March 23, 1798; John, Dec. 31, 1799; Sarah, Feb. 12, 1802; Lillen, Jan. 22, 1804; William, May 3, 1808; Lucretia, June 15, 1810; Aaron, Sept. 12, 1812.

Moses Chamberlin, son of Colonel Chamberlin, was born Nov. 12, 1812, in Union county, Pa., the youngest of his father's twenty-three children. He was reared on the paternal homestead and received his education in the typical schools of the period. When twenty years old he went to Lewisburg, where he served a three years' apprenticeship at the tanner's trade, which, however, was never his principal business. In 1833 he removed to Milton, where he had a long and prosperous business career. He was a merchant, and also engaged in milling, lumbering and farming, continuing his active life until 1874, after which he lived retired. Besides conducting these various enterprises he purchased land and laid out what is known as the Chamberlin addition to Milton, and also laid out and sold the land upon which Watson town is situated. His long and useful life ended July 29, 1902. Though busy with his personal affairs he found time to serve in several borough offices and also to be an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he served in many official capacities, being trustee, recording steward, class-leader, Sunday school superintendent, etc. He was a Republican in political sentiment.

In 1835 Moses Chamberlin married (first) Mary Ann Corry, daughter of George Corry, of Milton, and to this union were born two children, Elizabeth H. (widow of William Follmer, of Watson town) and Mary A. Mrs. Chamberlin died Aug. 15, 1838, and in 1840 Mr. Chamberlin married (second) Mrs. Jane Hannah (Watson) Montgomery, daughter of John Watson, of Watson town. Six children were born to this marriage, viz.: William B.; Harriet, deceased; Caroline W., Mrs. A. O. Furst, of Bellefonte; Mary Jane, deceased; James, of Harrisburg; and Frank, an attorney of Milton.

William B. Chamberlin, son of Moses, was born Dec. 19, 1841, at Milton, Pa. For years he has been one of the notably successful business men of the upper end of the county, having been from 1867 to 1885 engaged in the lumber business at Northumberland as junior member of the firm of Chamberlin, Frick & Co. In 1885 he became connected with the Reid Tobacco Company, of Milton, of which corporation he is vice-president and

he makes his home in the borough, where the business with which he is identified ranks among the most important concerns. He married Margaret Sanderson Lawson, daughter of W. C. and Hannah (Sanderson) Lawson, and they have had three children, all sons, namely: William L., a mining engineer, now located at Scranton, Pa.; Harry W.; and James S., who is connected with the American Car & Foundry Company of Manchester, England.

Harry W. Chamberlin attended the public schools of Milton, graduating in 1887, after which he became a student at Lafayette College, from which institution he was graduated in 1892. He read law with his maternal grandfather and was admitted to the Bar of Northumberland county in 1895, since which time he has been continuously engaged in legal practice, occupying the same office which his grandfather had. His patronage has been steady and lucrative from the beginning, and the able manner in which he handles legal work has drawn a high class of such business to him. His inherited and developed talent for the profession, and his accomplishments in special cases, entitle him to a place among the most skillful lawyers of his day in his section.

On Oct. 29, 1903, Mr. Chamberlin married Miriam A. Bucher, daughter of ex-Judge Joseph C. Bucher, of Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., and his wife, Mary (Walls), daughter of Judge Walls. Mrs. Chamberlin's grandfather was Rev. Joseph C. Bucher, D. D., a well known clergyman of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Chamberlin is a high Mason, holding membership in Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M., of Watsonstown, Pa.; Mt. Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., of Sunbury; Williamsport Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity, and an active member of the Presbyterian church. In political preference he is a Republican.

CHARLES W. NICKERSON (deceased) was for a number of years prominent in business circles in Sunbury, principally in his connection with the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of which he was a founder and president from the time of its organization until his death. Mr. Nickerson was a man of the highest standing, and he was a notable example of what men may attain by their own efforts, for he was truly self-made, having begun life in humble circumstances and risen to honor and affluence through hard work, perseverance and executive ability. His many admirable qualities won him the respect and friendship of all with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Nickerson was born July 28, 1838, in Steubenville, Ohio. His parents, who were of Eng-

lish descent, died when he was but eleven years old, and he was thus early thrown on his own resources, having made his own way in the world from that tender age. Remaining several years in his native town, he went thence to Philadelphia, Pa., where he held a position in the office of the city register for some time. He next went to Elmira, N. Y., where he was engaged in various pursuits and did well, holding a responsible position at that point as an employee of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway Company. It was there he became acquainted with the late Colonel Fonda, of Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., who induced him to locate at Danville, Pa., just across the Northumberland county line, where he was the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western train dispatcher for several years. From there he went to the borough of Northumberland, in this county, to engage in the coal business as the special agent in this district for the W. L. Scott Coal Company, of Erie, Pa., but was there only a short time when he came to Sunbury in the same capacity. This was in 1867, and Mr. Nickerson was identified with the coal business until 1892, when he sold his interests in that line to W. H. Druckenmiller, of Sunbury, and retired from that line. Meantime he had become active in another field, having been one of the organizers, in 1890, of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, the second banking institution of Sunbury, for which he and his associates saw a good opening. Mr. Nickerson was elected president of the new concern, retaining his position as its executive head until his death, and the immediate and continued success of the company proved the wisdom of his judgment. To his conservative but progressive policy, and the confidence he enjoyed in commercial circles wherever he was known, was due in large measure the high standing this bank took in the financial world from the start, and his influence has had a permanent effect on its conduct. His career as a banker was one of signal success, an honorable climax to long years of upright business dealings. He died Aug. 23, 1904, at the age of sixty-six years, and is buried in Poinfret Manor cemetery. Fraternally he was a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to lodge and commandery at Elmira, N. Y. Mr. Nickerson saw active service in the Civil war, going to the front with a company from Williamsport, Pa., and taking part in several important engagements, the most notable of which was the battle of Fredericksburg.

On Dec. 16, 1869, at Danville, Pa., Mr. Nickerson married Margaret Elizabeth Woods, who was born at Milton, this county, but was living with her parents at Danville at the time of her marriage. Five children were born to this marriage, namely: Herbert and Virginia died before their parents; Mary, Gertrude and Ruth live at the old home in Sunbury, at No. 236 Arch street, a fine large res-



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idence which Mr. Nickerson erected in 1877. It was there he died, and there also occurred Mrs. Nickerson's death, Sept. 15, 1910, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Nickerson was associated with the Methodist Church from an early age, and to the close of her life continued to be a regular attendant at church services and a zealous church worker. She was prominently identified with the Women's Aid Society connected with the Mary M. Packer hospital, for a number of years, and was also deeply interested in the Young Women's Christian Association, toward the maintenance of which in Sunbury she contributed liberally. Broad and charitable in her views, she was always ready and willing to help any good cause, or to relieve cases of necessity at any time, but she was as unostentatious about such matters as she was generous and sympathetic, and never needed the stimulus of publicity to encourage her in good works. Her name will long be cherished in the hearts of many whom she aided and comforted in the hour of need.

ELIAS BIEBER, now living retired, owns one of the finest farms in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, upon which he has made his home for over fifty years. He is a native of Lycoming county, Pa., born Sept. 1, 1835, in Wolf township, son of John Bieber.

In 1768 three brothers, Valentine, Jacob and Michael Bieber, came from Zweibrucken, not far from Frankfort, Germany, to America. Valentine who settled in 1783 in Lycoming county, Pa., had three sons, Nicholas, Adam and John, of whom Nicholas was the grandfather of Elias Bieber. Nicholas Bieber was born in Berks county, Pa., and was a youth when he removed to Lycoming county. There he purchased a farm and spent the remainder of his life, and he is buried at the Valley Church near Muncy. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Dinner, were born the following children: Valentine, who had twelve children; Antina, Mrs. Cotner; Hannah, whose first husband was named Arbot, her second Good; Rachel, Mrs. Neuffer; Elizabeth, Mrs. Frantz; and John.

John Bieber, son of Nicholas, was born in 1791 upon the homestead place in Lycoming county, engaged in farming upon the old place, and there spent all his life, dying in October, 1863. He is buried near Muncy. He served as school director and tax collector, and was a well known man in his section, a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religious connection. He married Hannan Shaeffer, of Lycoming county, a native, however, of Seneca county, N. Y., and she survived him, dying in May, 1869. The following children were born to this couple: David, George, Reuben, John, Elizabeth (Mrs. George Opp), Elias, Benjamin (who lived in East Chillisquaque township), Anna (who lived in Lycoming county, and died

unmarried), Charles and William (living at Clarkstown, Lycoming county), all now deceased but Elias and William.

Elias Bieber attended the old Clay school in his native district and from boyhood assisted his father with the farm work, which he continued to follow throughout his active years. In 1859 he bought the old Benjamin Troxel farm, a tract of 130 acres of valuable land in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland Co., Pa., on the road between Montandon and Pottsgrove. All the improvements on this place are his work, and the farm is now one of the most desirable properties in that section, where Mr. Bieber has long been regarded as a leading agriculturist. He is still in the enjoyment of good health, though he has relinquished arduous work, continuing, however, to make his home upon the farm. A number of years ago Mr. Bieber joined Chillisquaque Grange, P. of H. He has been particularly prominent in his township in connection with school affairs, having served nine years as a member of the board, of which he has also been president. He was the first supervisor of his township. Politically he is a Democrat, and the family are Lutherans, still belonging to the Lutheran church at Lewisburg.

On Dec. 24, 1868, Mr. Bieber married Sarah F. Martin, daughter of Hugh and Hannah (Maurer) Martin of Montandon, and granddaughter of John Martin. They have had the following children: Howard L., a miller, located at Montgomery, Pa.; Woods M., a farmer in Northumberland county; Florence Bertha; William Ernst, at home; Charles, who died young; Annie E., wife of John Kerr, living at Sunbury; and Rev. Franklin B. H., a Lutheran minister now located at Center Hall, Center Co., Pa., who has five charges (he is a graduate of Bucknell University and Gettysburg College).

CYRUS BROWN, for many years one of the foremost druggists of Northumberland county, established at Milton, founded the business now carried on by his widow. He was a son of Samuel T. Brown, for many years a leading business man of the borough and the promoter of some of the most important local enterprises. The Browns descended from old Puritan stock, and were pioneers in White Deer valley, in Union county, Pa., where Samuel T. Brown was born July 18, 1798.

SAMUEL T. BROWN learned the trade of tanner, and on coming to Milton, Northumberland county, in 1830, purchased the property later known as the Milton Tannery, where he did business for thirty years. Meantime he was active in other things which affected the growth of the town and enterprises made necessary because of its growth. For over twenty years he was a stockholder and director of the old Northumber-

land County Bank, and he was an organizer and director of the First National Bank, continuing to serve as director from its inception until his death. On June 18, 1819, Mr. Brown married Nancy Woods, born in 1796, who died in 1836, the mother of five children, three of whom grew to maturity, Cyrus, J. Woods and Oliver; all are now deceased. For his second wife Mr. Brown married Elizabeth A. Young, and they had one child, who died young. Mrs. Elizabeth A. (Young) Brown was born in 1812, and died in 1881. Mr. Brown's death occurred June 4, 1875. This family are buried at Milton. Mr. Brown was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Milton and one of the most highly respected citizens of his day in the borough, noted for his sterling traits of character and high principles in all his dealings. He was a Democrat in politics.

Cyrus Brown, eldest son of Samuel T., was born May 25, 1824, in White Deer valley, Union county, and was a child when the family settled in Northumberland county. He received his education in the schools of Milton and at Lewisburg Academy, learning the drug business in a drug store in Philadelphia. Returning thence to Milton in 1854, he was in the business on his own account from that time until his death, a period of almost forty years, during which he earned the reputation of being about the most progressive man in his line in the county. He established a large business, the largest drug business ever conducted in the borough, and in addition to the regular lines handled white lead in large quantities and was the inventor and for many years the manufacturer of the Red Horse powder. His store was burned out in the great fire of May, 1880, his insurance falling fifty thousand dollars short of his losses, but he rebuilt, erecting in 1882 the fine store on Broadway where the business has since been carried on. Mr. Brown was enterprising and farsighted, and he was an extensive advertiser in the days when advertising was not generally considered a necessary investment. But the results proved the wisdom of his ideas, and he built up a business which has continued to maintain its supremacy up to the present day. Since his death, which occurred Sept. 14, 1893, it has been carried on by his widow with the assistance of able clerks. Mr. Brown was a man of fine character and upright life, universally respected. He served as a member of the borough council and proved himself a useful citizen in other capacities. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Presbyterian church.

In 1859 Mr. Brown married Louisa B. Krauser, daughter of David Krauser, and she died leaving one daughter, Hettie L. On Jan. 1, 1876, he married (second) Mrs. Rebecca E. Rhodes, daughter

of Thomas and Rebecca (Freeze) Hullihen, and widow of Dr. Charles Rhodes.

THOMAS HULLIHEN, father of Mrs. Brown, was born in 1792 in Northumberland county, Pa., son of Thomas and Abigail (Hulling) Hullihen. His father came to America from Cork, Ireland, landing at New York, and was an early settler at Milton, Northumberland county, where for many years he followed his trade, that of cabinet-maker. He died at Milton and is buried in St. Joseph's burial ground near that place. He married Abigail Hulling, of Lycoming, Pa., and they had four children, Thomas, Huey, Nancy and Mathias.

Thomas Hullihen followed farming all his life, and died Nov. 6, 1849, in his fifty-seventh year. He married Rebecca Freeze, who was born in 1789, daughter of Simon P. and Sarah (Garrison) Freeze, and died Oct. 22, 1855, aged sixty-six years. They were the parents of a large family, eleven children, namely: S. Peter, M. D. (late of Wheeling, W. Va.), Richard, Abigail, Mary, Thomas, Nancy, James, Hannah, Rebecca E., Lucy and Rachel. The only survivor of this family is Mrs. Rebecca E. Brown, of Milton. Her first marriage was to Dr. Charles Rhodes, who died May 7, 1856.

ROBBINS. The Robbins family, now represented in Northumberland county, Pa., by John H. Robbins, the well known butcher of Pottsgrove, and William E. Robbins, cigar dealer at Milton, had its early home in New Jersey. From Hunterdon county, that state, came Daniel Robbins and several others by team to this section. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, and had inherited all the sturdy characteristics of that race. He took up a large tract of land in what is called the Ridge (now in Montour county, though at that time included in Northumberland). In 1818 he built a house there which is still standing, and in good condition. The farm, now containing about 110 acres, is owned by John Egg, of Lewisburg. Mr. Robbins was a blacksmith by occupation, and in connection with the clearing and cultivating of his farm also carried on lumbering. He died in the one hundredth year of his age. His children were: Sarah (married John George Leshner), John, Martin, Catharine, Daniel W., Jane, Julia, Polly and Nancy. In the old Centre Church cemetery, in Liberty township, Montour county, are buried the following: Samuel Robbins, born March 10, 1824, died May 5, 1891; his wife Christiana, born Feb. 16, 1833, died Dec. 30, 1885. Polly Robbins died May 26, 1896, aged ninety-two years, two months, twenty-nine days. Jane Robbins died March 16, 1872, aged seventy-two years, eleven months, twenty-eight days. Martin Robbins died June 27, 1900, aged sixty-nine

years, six months, fifteen days; his wife Catharine died Jan. 5, 1890, aged fifty-four years, nine months, thirty days.

John Robbins, son of Daniel, married Dec. 10, 1811, Jane McWilliams, and they lived at Milton, Pa. They had children: Hannah, born Sept. 24, 1812, who never married; James, born March 9, 1814; Daniel, born Aug. 26, 1816; Julian, born Feb. 13, 1820; John, born Jan. 29, 1822; Mary B., born April 26, 1824; Ann L. and Sarah G. (twins), born Sept. 3, 1826.

Martin Robbins, son of Daniel, was born in 1795, and died Feb. 17, 1834, in Northumberland county, where he followed farming. He married Elizabeth Critz, born in 1796, died Oct. 27, 1853, and both are buried in the old graveyard at Milton. They had six children, namely: Polly, who married Henry Boyer, and has two children, William and Elizabeth (married B. C. Lindner); Charles, who was twice married, and died in Ohio, leaving one son, Huston Taylor Robbins; Samuel; Jonathan, who died in the West; William, who was bitten by a mad dog and died Sept. 22, 1837, aged nine years; and Martin. Adam Critz, father of Mrs. Elizabeth (Critz) Robbins, was born in 1770, and died June 26, 1843, and his wife Susannah, born in 1773, died March 18, 1854.

Martin Robbins (2), son of Martin, was born near Pottsgrove in 1832, and died in June, 1902; he is buried at Centre Church, in Liberty township, Montour county. He was a saddler by trade and followed farming for some time, later being employed at day's labor. He married Catharine Heimbach, daughter of John Heimbach, of Berks county, and they had children: John H.; Elizabeth, of Pottsgrove; Annie, who married John Mowery, of Danville, and has a daughter, Helen; Mary, of Pottsgrove; Samuel, a butcher of Pottsgrove, who married Essie Muffy (she died leaving two children, Elizabeth and Lawrence); George W., a butcher at Milton, who married Amanda Bickel, and had children, Martin (died in infancy), Carrie, Mary, Christine, Jennie and Emma; William Edward; Harry H.; and Charles, who died aged five years.

JOHN H. ROBBINS was born near Pottsgrove Dec. 16, 1855, and attended the schools of the neighborhood. He began as a boy to learn the butcher's trade, and was but eighteen when, assisted by his brothers, he engaged in the business. In 1890 he leased the property at No. 153 South Front street, Milton, and established the business known as Robbins Brothers. This continued for four years, and one brother sold to another until eventually the business was taken by Harry, who conducted it for six years. He then sold it to Samuel and the latter's brother-in-law, Asher Muffy. Then Samuel in turn sold to his brother-in-law, and the latter carried it on a short time. On Oct. 1, 1907, John H. Robbins installed all

new machinery and made the place entirely up-to-date, and since then he has carried on the business with a steadily increasing success. He has the leading trade in that line in the district, and his place is kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition at all times. Mr. Robbins resides at Pottsgrove, where all his killing is done. He married Hattie Ohl, daughter of William Ohl, of Columbia county, Pa., and has three children, Mabel, Blanch and William. Mr. Robbins has served his townsmen as a member of the school board and as supervisor. He is a Democrat in political principle, and is public-spirited and progressive as a citizen. In his religious faith he is a Lutheran. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Artisans.

WILLIAM EDWARD ROBBINS, son of Martin (2) and brother of John H., is engaged in the retail cigar business at Milton, Pa. He was born in Liberty township, Montour county, Oct. 1, 1866, and received his education in the local schools. As a young man, like his brothers, he engaged in the butchering business, and this he followed for a period of seventeen years. In the fall of 1899 he began his present line of business, at No. 19 Broadway, Milton, and on Dec. 14, 1907, moved to his present location, at No. 21 Broadway. He carries the largest line of cigars in the city, and does a large business. He also has pool and billiard parlors, all new tables, and enjoys a good patronage. He has many friends who rejoice at his success.

Mr. Robbins married Annie C. Evert, daughter of Philip Evert, and they have two children, Helen P. and Mary C. Socially he is a member of the Milton Social Gun Club; Milton Rod and Gun Club; Lodge No. 913, B. P. O. E., of Milton; Castle No. 265, K. G. E., of Milton; Commandery No. 27, K. of M., of Milton; and the I. O. O. F. at Pottsgrove. He and his wife attend the Lutheran church.

HARRY H. ROBBINS, son of Martin (2), was born Dec. 21, 1869, in Montour county, Pa., and was educated in the public schools. He learned the butcher's business, which he followed about twenty years. He married Jessie M. Hess, daughter of Wilson Hess, and they had one son, Martin W., who died in infancy. Mr. Robbins is a member of the local lodge of Elks at Milton, Pa.

JOSEPH ALBRIGHT, who has been living retired at Watson town for a number of years, has had his residence at that place since the close of the Civil war. He was born July 6, 1836, at Allentown, Lehigh Co., Pa., son of Charles S. Albright and grandson of Joseph Albright.

The Albright family has had many creditable associations with the history of the Dutch in Pennsylvania. Christian Albright emigrated from Germany and settled in what is now the upper

part of Berks county, Pa., married Elizabeth Rick, and had children: Peter R. (who died in Schuylkill county), Solomon R., John Christian, Henry R., Jacob R., Daniel R., John R., John George and Justus Yost R.

John Christian Albright, son of Christian, was born Feb. 26, 1748, and died Feb. 28, 1820. He was twice married, first to Maria Elizabeth Alt-house, born May 27, 1776, died in May, 1799, and second to Maria Kauffman. His children, all by the first marriage, were: Maria Catharine, Anna Maria, Annie Magdalena, George, John Jacob, John, Solomon, Gabriel and Elizabeth. Of these Maria Catharine married George Wagner and had children: Daniel, Benjamin, Kate, Elias, George, Elizabeth, Samuel, Solomon, William and Lucy. Anna Maria married Jacob Shartle, and had children, George, William, Sallie, Eliza, Maria and Julian. Annie Magdalena married George Kauffman, and had two children, Hettie and Samuel. John Albright married Elizabeth Ruby and had two children, Samuel and Leah. Solomon Albright married (first) Maria Miller and (second) Elizabeth Shoemaker, and his children were: John, Henry, Gen. Charles, Mary, Eliza, Kate and Harriet. Elizabeth married Joseph Kauffman and had three children, William, Harrison and Kate (Mrs. John Grime). John Jacob married Maria Shartle and had seven children, Sarah, William, John, Jacob S., Daniel, and Moses and Elizabeth (twins).

Joseph Albright, grandfather of Joseph Albright of Watsonstown, settled in Lehigh county, Pa., and is buried in the vicinity of Allentown. His wife's maiden name was Yund. They had children: Mrs. Biggert, of Allentown; James, who died in Allentown; and Charles S.

Charles S. Albright was born at Allentown and married there. He was a tailor by trade, but followed farming for many years, moving to a place near Catawissa, Columbia county, where he farmed until he sold out and settled near Washingtonville, Montour county, owning a seventy-five-acre farm on which he died in 1867, at the age of fifty-nine years, nine months. He is buried at Strawberry Ridge Church. He was a Lutheran in religion. His wife, Esther (Newhart), who came from Lehigh county, died in 1882, at the age of eighty-one years. They were the parents of twelve children: George W., of the state of Washington; John T., who died at Paradise, Northumberland county, Pa.; Thomas D., who entered the service during the Civil war and died while a prisoner at Florence, S. C.; Joseph; Anna, Mrs. Ramson of Iowa; Charles F., who died in Iowa; Hettie, who was married three times, to Benson Carl, Christopher Herr and Reuben Clapp, respectively; Henry A., who died when three years

old; Alexander, deceased; Catharine, who died aged fourteen years; Elizabeth, who is unmarried and lives with her sister, Mrs. Clapp; and Jacob, deceased.

Joseph Albright was educated in Columbia county, and was twenty years old when he commenced to learn the plastering trade, coming to Northumberland county in 1856. He followed his trade until the Civil war period, when he enlisted in August, 1862, in Company B, 131st Regiment, with which he served ten months. During this time he was in the second battle of Bull Run, in the engagements at Monocacy, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. His second enlistment was in February, 1864, in Company K, 112th Regiment, 2d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, for three years, and he served to the close of the war, taking part in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, etc. On June 16-18, 1864, the command was established in front of Petersburg, where he received two bullet wounds, fighting hand to hand and standing up to his waist among the dead and wounded. At Cold Harbor, while he was reloading his rifle, a bullet stripped the skin from his nose. On July 30th, at the mine explosion, he was captured, and was held eight months in the prison at Danville, being transferred to Libby prison, from which he was exchanged March 10, 1865. He was then brought to Annapolis, and sent to Baltimore hospital, where he remained several weeks in a serious condition, weighing less than sixty-five pounds. He was brought to Sunbury in this sad condition, and thence to the "Huff House" at Milton, more dead than alive; he laid between life and death from April 2d to Oct. 2d, 1865, but eventually recovered, though his improvement was very gradual. His army experience was trying and full of hardships, and he saw active service in some of the most important battles of the war. At Fredericksburg his brigade was nearest to the heights where the Confederate line was posted.

After the war Mr. Albright worked at his trade for a year, and then, having some property at Watsonstown, he engaged in business there, keeping a livery stable for eight years. Then he returned to his trade, which he continued to follow until 1881. From 1883 until 1890 he was confined to bed or chair, with illness contracted during the time he was in his country's service, but he has since recovered. Though always occupied with his business affairs during his more active years Mr. Albright found time to serve his community, holding the offices of overseer of the poor, constable and collector with satisfaction to all concerned. He is a Republican in political faith, and in religion a member of the Methodist church, in the welfare of which he has been much interested.

having acted as president of the board of trustees of his church. He also holds membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

In December, 1858, Mr. Albright married Mary Ann McCurley Tate, of Milton, who was born March 28, 1840, daughter of John and Nancy (Holder) Tate, who lived at Milton. Four sons were born to this marriage: David T., who lives in Milton; John S. (of Watsonstown) and Elmer C. (deceased), twins, and William N., of Watsonstown. Mrs. Albright was killed in a trolley accident at Philadelphia Aug. 26, 1902, aged fifty-nine years. In August, 1907, Mr. Albright married (second) Ella Blue, daughter of Isaiah and Phoebe Agnes (Taggart) Blue. Isaiah Blue married for his second wife Emma Falls Wetzel, by whom he had two children, David and Gertrude.

CHARLES M. RISSEL, a retired citizen of East Chillisquaque township, for many years a farmer and previously a well known contractor in that region, was born Jan. 7, 1838, in Montour county, Pa., and comes of a family which has long been established in America. Its founder in this country was Heinrich Ulrich Rishel (as many of the family spell the name), who came to America with his family in 1753 and settled in Bucks county, Pa. He had six sons—Jacob, Leonard, Ludwig, Martin Luther, Michael and William—who served in the Revolutionary war, William holding the rank of captain. After the war two of the sons, Michael and Martin Luther, came to Montour county, Pa., where they took up land and made permanent homes, Martin Luther settling in Liberty township. Among his children were Jacob, John and Henry, of whom we have record, descendants of John Rishel now living in West Chillisquaque township. Martin Luther Rishel had the old German hymn book brought by the family from Germany, and as indicated by this the family were Lutherans.

Henry Rissel, son of Martin Luther, was born March 1, 1784, was a farmer, and died in 1830. He and his wives are buried at Chillisquaque Church. By his first marriage, to Leah Sechler, who was born April 23, 1792, he had two children, John (who lived to be ninety-two years old) and Jacob S. His second marriage was to Sarah Hayes, who bore him five children: William Henry; Martin, who lived to be ninety-six years old; Elizabeth, who married Thomas Keefer; David, and Daniel.

William Henry Rissel, son of Henry, was born April 12, 1811, and followed farming all his life, dying March 12, 1844. On April 14, 1837, he married Mary Hoover, daughter of George Hoover, of Schuylkill county, born April 1, 1815, died Nov. 28, 1871. They were the parents of the following children: Charles M.; Daniel W., born Dec. 26, 1840, who married Amanda Gast and

had children, Mary (Mrs. Harry Haas), Luther and John; Elizabeth, born Jan. 23, 1842, who married Thomas Rissel; William, who married Alice Acor and has a son, Edward M.; and M. Luther, who married Sarah Wolfe and had eight children, Daniel, Louis, Myra, George, Elizabeth, Frank, Howard and Carrie.

Charles M. Rissel attended public school and as a boy worked on the home farm. When a young man he learned the trade of carpenter, and soon began contracting on his own account, building many houses and barns in the neighborhood of his home. He was a popular and successful business man, and was considered a master in his line, his services being in continuous demand, but in 1876 he discontinued work at his trade, devoting himself thereafter to farming. That year he erected a house on the farm in East Chillisquaque township which he had purchased, and in 1888 he put up the barn. Always a progressive, thrifty and industrious man, he prospered and gained the esteem of his neighbors, and there are many substantial evidences of his mechanical skill still standing. He is now retired from the more arduous work of farming, making his home with his son Jonas at the old place. He was married Nov. 3, 1864, to Mary Ann Koch, who was born Jan. 4, 1838, daughter of Jonas and Leah (Bachman) Koch, who are mentioned fully elsewhere in this work, and died Aug. 29, 1905. In religion she was a Lutheran, as is also Mr. Rissel, holding membership in the church at Pottsgrove. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rissel: Jonas, born June 23, 1865, who now carries on the old home farm, married Margaret Berger, daughter of Levi and Susan (Mack) Berger, and they have had two sons, George Franklin and Charles Levi; Jennie E., born March 12, 1876, died March 8, 1882.

On Aug. 9, 1862, Mr. Rissel enlisted in the Union service, becoming a private in Company E, 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Capt. I. B. Davis and Colonel Allaboch. He took part in the battles of Antietam (Sept. 17, 1862), Fredericksburg (Dec. 11-14, 1862), and Chancellorsville (May 1-4, 1863), and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, May 27, 1863.

WILLIAM H. FISHER, proprietor of Fisher's Iron Foundry, located at Rebeck, in Washington township, is a member of a family which has been identified with Northumberland county from the early days, though not continuously in this branch. He was born Oct. 28, 1851, in Dauphin county, at Gratz, where his father settled and lived for many years.

Joseph Fisher, who founded this family in America, was born in Germany in April, 1734, and on June 5, 1764, married Catharine Minegar, also

a native of Germany, born in August, 1746. They were the parents of the following children: Catharine, who married Nicholas Shipman; Henry; Mary, who married Samuel Mutchler; Hannah, who married Caleb Farlee; Elizabeth; John; Moses; David; Jacob, and Joseph. It is claimed that the parents settled near the site of Catawissa, in what is now Columbia county, Pa., some time in the eighteenth century, but prior to that they evidently lived in Bradford county, where their oldest son, Henry, was born July 25, 1767.

Henry Fisher, born in Bradford county, Pa., July 25, 1767, lived for some years in Columbia county, thence removing to Northumberland county. He was the father of these children: Jacob, John, Caleb, Clotworthy, Joseph, Sarah, Elizabeth and Catharine. He located upon the land later owned by Peter Leisenring, where he built a gristmill and tavern, which he operated many years. He also owned about eighteen acres of land adjacent to the mill and hotel property. His death occurred about 1825, after which all his family except his son John (born Sept. 20, 1800) left that locality.

Caleb Fisher, son of Henry, lived at Bear Gap, in Coal township (Bear Gap is now included in Ralpho township), Northumberland county. In early life he learned the trade of miller, which he followed during the greater part of his active life, operating Fisher's mill, now known as the Leisenring mill, at Bear Gap for many years, succeeding his father at that place. Later he moved to Sunbury. Caleb Fisher was an able and enterprising business man and at one time quite well-to-do. He died at Sunbury and is buried there. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Bird, had the following children: Clinton, who was a machinist, lived at Danville at one time and was also a resident of Muncy; John I., a molder by trade, lived in Sunbury; Jared is mentioned later; Albert, a printer, lived at Danville; Harrison died at Sunbury; Henry C., a foundryman, lived at Freeburg; Jane never married.

Jared Fisher, son of Caleb, was born at Bear Gap, and died during the eighties, when sixty-five years old, at Gratz, Dauphin Co., Pa., whither he had removed in 1848. He is buried there. Mr. Fisher was a machinist and blacksmith. At one time he lived in Minersville, Schuylkill county, thence going to Gratz, where he had a shop of his own and did general blacksmithing until his death. He was a prosperous man, and owned his own home. Politically he was a Republican, and during the Civil war was an active Union sympathizer, serving in that war under two enlistments. He was a soldier in Company I, 103d Regiment, for nine months, and reenlisted, serving until the close of the struggle. Mr. Fisher was a member of the Reformed Church at Gratz. He married Elizabeth Hetrich, daughter of Jacob

Hetrich, of Northumberland county, and she survived him many years, dying in 1906, at the age of seventy-two. She is buried by her husband's side at Gratz. They had a family of five children: Mary J. (who died young), a daughter that died in infancy, William H., Adam M. (deceased) and Franklin I. (deceased).

William H. Fisher received his elementary education in the common schools in his native county. In 1868 he began to learn the molding trade from his uncle, Henry C. Fisher, being located at Rebuck, and remained with him three years. Resuming his studies, he attended Freeburg Academy for three terms, and later was a student at Berrysburg Academy, in Dauphin county, for three terms, after which he was granted a license to teach. He followed the profession for three terms, being engaged in Washington township, Northumberland county, until in 1875 he was taken into partnership by his uncle, Henry C. Fisher, who moved to Freeburg, where they built a shop and established an iron foundry. They did business under the firm name of H. C. & W. H. Fisher for two years, William H. Fisher withdrawing from the association in 1877 and coming to Greenbrier, Northumberland county, where he started the foundry business on his own account. He was in successful business there for four years, in 1882 settling at Rebuck, where he has since remained. During his first four years at that location he rented his place of business and then purchased the property he now occupies. He is a practical mechanic and a foundryman of thorough experience, and is the only man in the business in his section. However, that is not the only reason he has established such a thriving trade. His work is reliable, and there is a steady demand for the products of his plant, plows of all kinds and common agricultural implements; the well known Fisher plow is his specialty and has an excellent reputation. The foundry occupies a half acre of ground. Mr. Fisher owns a tract of six acres which formerly belonged to his uncle Henry C. Fisher, and in 1897 he purchased the old Dr. Fred Tryon farm, consisting of thirty acres at Rebuck, upon which place the first store, hotel and post office were located. The hotel was abandoned by Mr. Fisher. He is a Republican in politics and has served three years as school director.

On Dec. 25, 1875, Mr. Fisher married Hannah S. Kieffer, daughter of Peter and Hannah (Welker) Kieffer, of Washington township, earlier of Jackson township, and they have had six children: Elizabeth died unmarried and is buried in the family plot at the Himmel Church; Nellie J. married Ira Mattern and they reside at Ashland; H. Emma married William Brosius and they live at Seven Points; Katie married Henry Hubler, of Mahanoy City, Pa.; Clara S. and Walter H. com-

plete the family. Mr. Fisher and his family are Lutheran members of the Himmel Church, and he is especially devoted to Sunday school work; he has been superintendent of the Union Sunday school of that organization since 1909.

WILLIAM P. WENDLE, justice of the peace of Milton, Northumberland county, for more than twenty-five years, was first elected to that office in 1879, and with but one term intermission has held it continuously to the present time. He is one of the most respected citizens of the borough, a veteran of the Civil war and a well known worker in the Republican party.

Mr. Wendle was born July 16, 1840, at Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., and is of Dutch descent, his grandfather, John Wendle, having come from Holland. He settled near Muncy and followed farming, dying about 1838. He is buried at Muncy.

Peter Wendle, son of John and father of William P., was born in 1802 in Lycoming county, Pa., and died in 1868. By trade he was a wagon-maker, and about 1838 had a shop at McEwensville, Northumberland county, later removing to Muncy. He was a prominent Democrat and served as county commissioner of Lycoming county, also holding various other offices. In religion he was a member of the Evangelical Church. He married Sarah Buck, who was born in Lycoming county in 1801, and died in 1848, and they were the parents of eight children, namely: Daniel B., who was a merchant in Philadelphia; William P.; Thomas P., who was a carriage-maker in Philadelphia (his only son, George, lives in Williamsport, Pa.); Peter E., a cabinet-maker, who lived in Williamsport; Frances I., who married Alexander Hall and has six children, J. A., P. C., William, Alfred, Mary R. and Etta; Ellen G., who married Joseph Gibson, of Philadelphia, and has three children, Alfred and Clara and Millie; Sarah E., who married Jesse Edgar and has four children, Harry, Emily, Harvey and Grant; Jane, who married Silas Axtel, of Iowa, and has two children, Zenis and one daughter; her second husband is a Mr. Lee, of Kansas.

William P. Wendle received his education in the schools of Muncy. In 1856 he went West to Indiana, where he learned the cabinet-maker's trade, and there in 1861 he enlisted for three years' service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company H, 20th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he went to the front. He was taken prisoner at Hatteras, N. C., was held at Charleston, S. C., and twice at the notorious Libby Prison, before securing his release. Having been captured in the engagement at Hatteras he was honorably discharged on account of disability, May 26, 1862, and returned to Muncy, where he engaged in business. In 1871 he again moved to Indiana, remaining in that State until

1874, since when he has made his home at Milton. For five years after settling in Milton Mr. Wendle followed his trade, and, as previously stated, he was elected justice of the peace in 1879, being honored with re-election again and again. His services are highly valued and he has the esteem of all his fellow citizens. He is a Republican, and has represented his party in many conventions, and socially he holds membership in Henry Wilson Post, 129, G. A. R., the Knights of the Golden Eagle, No. 265, the Knights of Pythias and the P. H. C. He and his family attend the Lutheran Church.

In 1863 Mr. Wendle married Ellen J. Blue, daughter of Daniel Blue, and they had three children: Carrie Ida, wife of Reverdy J. Bramble, of Milton, Pa.; Nellie T., at home; and Elizabeth M., wife of George Bramble, of Cumberland, Md. Mrs. Wendle died March 12, 1910, aged seventy years.

DANIEL S. SCHREFFLER, now living in partial retirement at Leck Kill, in Upper Mahanoy township, was for a number of years engaged successfully in farming on the south side of Line Mountain, and he is one of the most substantial and highly esteemed residents of that section, where he has passed all his life.

The Schreffler family of eastern Pennsylvania claims as its founder in America Heinrich Schröffler, who settled in the borough of Reading, Berks county, at an early date. His will, on record in Will Book A, page 83, in the Berks county courthouse, was made April 25, 1783, he "being old and weak in body," and was probated Sept. 6, 1784. Apparently he died in the summer of 1784. He made his mark on the document, and his sons Christian and Godfriedt (as the name was spelled in the will) were appointed executors. Among the items was one to the effect that George "shall have my fine stocking weaver loom, with all belongings." The son Conrad died before his father, and his son, also named Conrad, obtained his father's share of the inheritance. To Heinrich and Magdalena Schröffler were born the following children: Christian, Henry, Godfried, Carl, George and Conrad. The son Christian lived in the borough of Reading in 1790, in which year he was the head of a family consisting of himself, wife, three sons under sixteen years of age and three daughters.

Godfried Schreffler, son of Heinrich (Henry), was a farmer in Bethel township, Berks county. He made his will in 1811 and died in 1812. The executors of his will were his sons John and Godfried, his family consisting of nine children, namely: John, Godfried, Peter, George, Conrad, Catharine (married Simon Smeltzer), Polly (married John Focht), Betsy (married John Groff) and Hannah (unmarried).

Godfried Schreffler, the grandfather of Daniel S. Schreffler, was a farmer in Northumberland county, owning the farm in Washington township which is now the property of Andrew Adams. He is buried in that township, at the Himmel Church, and was a Lutheran in religious connection. He was a tall man and dark complexioned. To him and his wife Eve (Lebo) were born children as follows: Joseph; Godfried; John; Daniel; Mrs. Michael Dockey; Susanna, Mrs. John Snyder; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Nicholas Adam.

John Schreffler, son of Godfried and Eve (Lebo) Schreffler, was born in 1819 in Dauphin county, Pa., and died in 1894. He and his wife, Salome (Rebuck), who died in 1893, aged seventy-three years, are buried at the Himmel Church. He owned an eighty-acre farm situated on the south side of Line Mountain, in Washington township, to the cultivation of which he devoted the major part of his life. In August, 1863, he enlisted for nine months' service in the Civil war. His family was a large one, namely: Harry married Hettie Bergner; Lovina married John Falck; Urias married Mary Ferster; Katie married James Seiler; John married Amanda Hetrich; Hiram married Malinda Rebuck; Nathan married Mary Miller; Mary married Joel Mattern; Fietta married Enoch Mattern; Elias is unmarried; Frank married Malinda Rebuck and (second) Lydia Drumheller.

Urias Schreffler, son of John and Salome (Rebuck) Schreffler, is a farmer in Washington township, this county. His children are: James, Charles, Levi, Jay and Ida.

Daniel Schreffler, son of Godfried and Eve (Lebo) Schreffler, was born Sept. 9, 1827, in the lower section of Northumberland county, and was reared in Washington township, where Andrew Adam now lives. He was a lifelong farmer, for many years living and working in Upper Mahanoy township, where he owned the tract of seventy-seven acres now owned by Malinda Schreffler. He served as supervisor of his township, and was well known in fraternal circles, belonging to the local organizations of the I. O. O. F. and P. O. S. of A. until they were disbanded. He and his family were Lutheran members of St. John's Church, where he and his two wives are buried. His first marriage was to Sallie Schankweiler, who was born Oct. 20, 1825, and died March 19, 1882. His second wife, Dina (Bohner), was born Sept. 22, 1833, and died Dec. 26, 1907. Mr. Schreffler passed away March 4, 1908. All his children were born to his first marriage, viz.: John; William; Lizzie, who married Silas Eister; James S.; Mary, who married Joel Reitz; Andrew, who died young; Daniel S.; Sarah, who married John Kähler; a son that died in infancy; Elias, who died young; and Henry.

John Schreffler, eldest son of Daniel and Sallie

(Schankweiler) Schreffler, was born in 1851. He grew up on the home farm and attended the country schools. After his marriage to Caroline Kieffer, in 1873, he purchased a farm in Washington township, and there resided until the time of his death, following agricultural work. He was the father of these children: Andrew, who married Martha Rebuck; Mima, who married Cyrus Moyer; Callie, who married Lewis Rebuck; Samuel, who married Jemima Demmoyer; Etta, who married Samuel Kieffer; Katie, who married Adam Drumheller; Dora, who married David Reitz; Jane, who married Daniel Reitz; David, Sallie and Mazy, all three deceased; John and Loy.

Mr. Schreffler was a prominent factor in the Himmel Lutheran Church, of which he was trustee for a number of years. He was school director for years, also supervisor for a number of years. In politics he was a Democrat.

James S. Schreffler, son of Daniel and Sallie Schreffler, was born Sept. 2, 1854, and spent his early years at farm work. When nineteen he began to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he followed regularly for about two years, and has continued to work at it off and on ever since. In the spring of 1879 he commenced to farm at his present location in Upper Mahanoy township, having a tract of sixty-six acres along the south side of Line Mountain, at the head of Greenbrier creek. It was formerly the property of Jacob Shankweiler, who built the house and barn in 1852, burning the brick he used from clay obtained in the meadow above the house. Mr. Schreffler has been quite active in the work of the Democratic party in his section, has served as election officer, and was a member of the township school board for nine years. He has been an active member of the Lutheran congregation at St. John's Church for a number of years, and is at present serving as trustee; he was formerly a deacon. His family are also identified with this church.

On March 9, 1879, Mr. Schreffler married Sarah Jane Falck, and to their union have been born six children, as follows: Daniel O. died in his eighth year; Mazy C. died in her ninth year; Charles M. married Nealla Paul; Katie A. married William Fetherolf; Edward L. is a school teacher in Upper Mahanoy township; Emma A. died in her sixth year.

Daniel S. Schreffler was born Dec. 26, 1860, son of Daniel and Sallie Schreffler. He worked with his father until he attained his majority, in the spring of 1882 becoming a tenant farmer in Lower Augusta township, where he remained for six years. Moving across the Line Mountain into Washington township, he farmed near Rebuck for the next three years, in the spring of 1890 purchasing his uncle's farm of 144 acres, good land, where he lived until he retired from the more

arduous work of life. He built the dwelling and summer house now standing on that property and made a number of other improvements which materially added to its value, having a well kept farm, which he sold in the fall of 1909. He then purchased a residence in which his father lived and died, at Leck Kill, and moved there in the spring of 1910. He has given up the more trying labors and is now spending his time in partial retirement. Mr. Schreffler has taken considerable interest in the welfare of his locality, and served efficiently as school director for one term of three years and as auditor for many years. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran member of St. John's Church, to which his family also belong.

In 1881 Mr. Schreffler married Hattie Eister, daughter of Peter and Mary (Bohner) Eister, of Augusta township, this county, and they have four children: Mary E., now the wife of Lewis Snyder; William J., who married Jennie Snyder and lived in Upper Mahanoy township; Daniel E., and Carrie M.

RISHEL. Isaiah C. and Joseph C. Rishel, brothers, both now retired farmers living in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, are descended from a family which has long been established in America. Its founder in this country was Heinrich Ulrich Rishel, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1753 and settled in Bucks county, Pa. He was the father of six sons, Jacob, Leonard, Ludwig, Martin Luther, Michael and William, all of whom served in the Revolutionary war, William holding the rank of captain. After the war two of these sons, Michael and Martin Luther, came to Montour county, Pa., and took up land, Martin Luther Rishel settling in Liberty township. Two of his sons were Jacob and John, and there were evidently other children.

John Rishel, son of Martin Luther, married Esther Swartz, and a little later moved to Columbia county, Pa., where he followed farming. This couple had the following children: Jonathan, Benjamin, Peter, John, Lydia (married Lewis Kauffman), Hester (married Daniel Bloom), David, and Jeremiah (who died en route to California in 1849).

Jonathan Rishel, son of John, was born July 14, 1808, and during his boyhood attended pay school in the home locality. When a young man he worked on his father's farm, and later learned the trade of wheelwright, which he continued to follow all his life in connection with farming. He died March 28, 1886. His first wife, Ann (Crites), who died May 10, 1837, aged twenty-six years, nine months, twenty-two days, was a daughter of Adam and Susannah Crites, the former of whom died in 1848, at the age of seventy-three, the latter in 1854, at the age of eighty-one.

She was the mother of two children, Margaret Ann and Isaiah C., the former of whom became the wife of Franklin C. Pardoe. Mr. Rishel's second marriage was to Rachel Crossley, daughter of Joseph and Catharine (Heinebach) Crossley; Joseph Crossley's father came from England. One child was born to this union, Joseph C.

ISAIAH C. RISHEL was born Nov. 18, 1834, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., and there received his education in the public schools. His early life was spent on his father's farm, and in time he purchased the property in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, where he has continued to reside to the present time. He is a Democrat, and served many years as member of the school board, has been assessor, overseer of the poor and road supervisor. In religious matters he and his family are Lutherans, belonging to the church at Pottsgrove. On Feb. 2, 1860, Mr. Rishel married Christiann Giffen, who was born Nov. 29, 1834, and their union has been blessed with five children: Anna Margaret married M. O. Fairchilds and has children, B. Miller, James Rishel, Elmer Ellsworth and Margaret Christine; Mary married Clarence A. Grove; James Giffen married Maggie Elizabeth Pardoe; Ella May married Hugh Mack, who is now deceased; Sarah Alexander married Clarence Foreman and has one child, Mary Fredrica.

James Giffen, grandfather of Mrs. Isaiah C. Rishel, was born in Delaware county, Pa., moved thence to Montour county and later to Northumberland county. He married Sarah Alexander, and they were the parents of seven children, born as follows: Nancy, April 14, 1800 (died in 1861); Robert A., Sept. 23, 1801; Margaret, Oct. 1, 1803; John, Nov. 23, 1805; Mary, Oct. 16, 1807 (married Daniel Kerr); James, Sept. 3, 1809 (died young); Thomas M., Nov. 17, 1812.

John Giffen, born Nov. 23, 1805, married Margaret McMahan, and they had the following family: Christiann, Mrs. Rishel; James O., born March 3, 1837, who died Feb. 10, 1906; Jane M., born Nov. 27, 1841, who married Thomas Watson and (second) Rev. Charles Park; Samuel McMahan, born May 2, 1844, who lives in Michigan; and John Robert, born May 2, 1849, who lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH C. RISHEL was born Jan. 17, 1843, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., and was reared on his father's farm. His education was obtained in the schools of his native township, and he has followed farming all his life. For eighteen years he cultivated his father's land, in 1887 purchasing the place of 103 acres in East Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, which he has since owned and occupied. He bought this property from James Frederick, and it was part of the large tract owned by the latter's family. Mr. Rishel has now relinquished active work, his

son John operating the farm, which is in a high state of cultivation. On May 18, 1891, the dwelling, a fine brick house, was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Rishel immediately rebuilt, upon the old foundation, having a handsome, up-to-date home, which is a great improvement on the property and a credit to the locality. He and his wife have always taken the deepest interest in everything affecting the welfare of the community and its advancement, being progressive, intelligent people, and they are consistent and active members of the Lutheran church, in which he has been an elder for some years. When a young man he was elected church trustee, and he served as a member of the building committee when the church at Pottsgrove was erected. He has served his township as school director and overseer of the poor, filling the latter office for sixteen years. Politically he is a Democrat.

On Dec. 27, 1866, Mr. Rishel married Sarah Jane Frederick, daughter of Isaac Frederick and member of a prominent family of this section, and they have had two children: (1) Julia married George Fairchild and has five children, Sarah, Pearl, George, Kate and Lester. (2) John married Ellen Morrow and they have one child, Catharine. He farms the homestead and is one of the substantial young citizens of the township, which he has served as school director for one term of three years and was recently reelected for a similar period.

LAHR. The Lahr family is one of the old families of Northumberland county, particularly numerous in the counties south of Line Mountain, in that region of Pennsylvania, and well represented among the substantial citizens of this section. But its origin is difficult to trace. It is believed that all the Lahrs mentioned in this article are of common ancestry; at any rate their forefathers in this region seem to have been of the same stock, although it is impossible from the material at hand to ascertain accurately what relation existed between them. There are evidently three distinct branches of the family in Northumberland county, the posterity of Daniel, Paul and George Lahr, who, according to tradition, were related, though how is not quite certain. Daniel and George were probably first cousins, and Paul it appears was the brother of Daniel, but this is not corroborated.

Paul Lahr, born July 11, 1781, died April 2, 1847, and is buried in the cemetery of the Stone Valley Church, of which church he was a Lutheran member. He was a farmer, living near Dalmatia, where he owned a tract of 145 acres now the property of Nelson Gayman, of Sunbury. The maiden name of his wife, Elizabeth, was either Bubb or Lenker, and she, too, is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church. She was born Nov. 2, 1786, and

died April 30, 1847. They were the parents of the following children: Michael, Paul, John, Nicholas, Isaac, Benjamin, Susanna (died unmarried) and Elizabeth (who married Abraham Lenker). Of these,

Michael Lahr lived in Dalmatia. He was married but had no family. He is buried at Stone Valley Church.

Paul Lahr lived near Lewisburg, Pa., where he is buried. He married Molly Bordner, and their children were: Henry, Paul, Nicholas, William, Frank and Kate.

John Lahr lived along the Susquehanna, above Dalmatia, on the farm now owned by the Schlegel brothers. His wife's maiden name was Schaffer, and they are buried at Georgetown. They had children: Elizabeth married Benjamin Byerly; Sarah married Josiah Schwartz.

Isaac Lahr, born July 7, 1820, died Sept. 4, 1883, and is buried at Stone Valley Church. He lived above Dalmatia, at what is now the home of his son John. His wife, Elizabeth (Michael), born Jan. 26, 1817, died Jan. 10, 1885, the mother of these children: Michael (born 1849, died 1862), John, Sophia (married Isaac Campbell) and Isaac. The son John, born in 1851 in Lower Mahanoy township, follows in his father's footsteps, being a farmer, but he also does considerable carpenter work, being an excellent mechanic and in demand as such in his neighborhood. He owns the old homestead, and is identified with the old Stone Valley Church where so many of the name have attended religious worship, being a Lutheran member thereof. To him and his wife Hannah (Boyer) have been born five children: Lizzie, Annie, Susan, Mary and John A.

Peter Lahr located in Snyder county, Pa., near Richfield. He had a number of children.

Daniel Lahr, a farmer, lived in Jackson township, one mile south of Herndon, owning the farm which is now the property of Robert L. Rieger, but which Mr. Lahr sold to Christian Albert and his son Isaac. The house on the place was used for hotel purposes during the building of the Northern Central railroad, being known as the "Blue Ball Hotel." Daniel Lahr died on this farm Dec. 15, 1844, and is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church. His wife Sophia (Brosius) born July 1, 1785, died Dec. 29, 1859, and is buried at Dalmatia. They had children as follows: Joseph, born May 20, 1816, lived where Robert L. Rieger now resides, and died Oct. 20, 1855, unmarried; George B., born in 1823, died at Dalmatia in 1906 (his wife Louisa Bordner, born in 1836, died in 1903); Daniel W. is mentioned below; Catharine married George Shaffer; Lydia married Jacob Shaffer.

George B. Lahr, son of Daniel, was born in 1823, in Jackson township, and was brought up on the farm. But when quite young he became a woodsman, and he continued to work at lumbering until about 1880, when he resumed the occupation of his youth. When a young man he walked to Jersey Shore, in upper Pennsylvania, where he found work in the lumber woods, and he developed considerable ability in the more skilled branches of the labor, being able with a broadax to square trees into shape ready for building purposes. After 1880 he purchased Ash island, at Dalmatia, which he farmed until his death, in 1906. He accumulated considerable property, owning several houses and a farm at Dalmatia at the time of his death, and he was enterprising and thrifty in the management of his affairs. His wife, Louisa (Bordner), daughter of Jonathan Bordner (whose wife was a Kiehl), of Lower Mahanoy township, was born in 1836, and died in 1903. They are buried at Dalmatia. Fourteen children were born to this couple: James W., George H., Jonathan, Jacob, Daniel (deceased), J. Michael, Eva Elizabeth (married John Hetrick), Sarah Alice (married George Rutter), Louisa (died young), triplets (one son and two daughters) that died in infancy, and two others that died young.

JACOB LAHR, son of George B. and Louisa (Bordner) Lahr, was born Oct. 2, 1861, in Lower Mahanoy township, in the house next to his present home at Dalmatia. He spent his boyhood and youth at home in Dalmatia (then better known as Georgetown), working on the farm for his father until he was twenty-five years old. For another twenty years he continued to engage in farm work, but since 1907 he has devoted himself to shoemaking and repairing at Dalmatia. His home at that place, which he owns, was built by himself and his father in 1894. Mr. Lahr is a respected and industrious citizen, giving all his time to his personal affairs, and taking no part in public life, having always refused official preferment of any kind. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. at Dalmatia, and with his family holds membership in the Lutheran congregation of Dalmatia Church, to which his father and mother also belonged. They are buried at that church.

On July 18, 1885, Mr. Lahr married Sarah C. Doney, daughter of Israel and Sarah (Campbell) Doney, and eight children have been born to them, namely: Laura L. (married Harvey Geist), Sarah E. (married to Howard Chubb), Alice L., Emma V. (died young), Mary C., Jacob I., George E. (died young) and Ralph M.

Daniel W. Lahr, brother of George B. and son of Daniel and Sophia Lahr, was born March 31, 1826, in what is now Lower Mahanoy township, and was reared to farm life. At an early age,

however, he became a boatman on the Pennsylvania State canal, which ran between Sunbury, Pa., and Havre de Grace, Md. It was while engaged in this occupation that he contracted rheumatism, inflammatory rheumatism eventually causing his death. After living for a time on the place now occupied by Robert L. Rieger (his father's old homestead), he moved to Snyder county, where he lived for some years, after which he crossed the Susquehanna and lived on the property now owned by Henry A. Carl. He died at that place Sept. 13, 1858, at the comparatively early age of thirty-two years, and is buried at Dalmatia. His wife, Mary (Albert), daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Boyer) Albert, from the neighborhood of Freeburg, Snyder county, died during the seventies, and is also buried at Dalmatia. They were the parents of three children: Franklin A.; George W., an electric light engineer, now of Tacoma, Wash.; and Sophia J., who died when eight years old.

FRANKLIN A. LAHR, son of Daniel W., was born May 18, 1853, in Lower Mahanoy township. He received his early education in the public schools of Jackson township, later attended the academy at Freeburg, and improved himself considerably by study at home, being a student in fact to the present time. After leaving school he worked in the sawmill where Robert L. Rieger now lives, and followed that kind of work for ten years, in different counties of the State, during which time he had the misfortune to lose the little finger of his left hand, which was sawed off while he was working at Shamokin. He has spent the greater part of his life at Herndon or in the immediate vicinity, and since April 4, 1893, has been engaged as bookkeeper at the Herndon Manufacturing Company, a large industrial concern giving employment to sixty-five men. Besides, he acts as local agent for the Geiser Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of traction engines, threshing machines, separators and portable sawmills, and he has held a commission as notary public since 1900; he was first appointed by Governor Stone, later by Governor Pennypacker. He has been notary public for the First National Bank of Herndon since its organization.

Mr. Lahr has always had considerable taste for music, and through his own efforts has become proficient on several instruments, playing the piano, organ, violin and cornet, on which latter he was particularly skillful in his younger manhood, when he gave it more attention. In 1902 he organized an orchestra of six pieces, of which he is the leader, and whose services are in constant demand in and around Herndon, furnishing the music at many church and social affairs. Some years ago Mr. Lahr gave much of his time to teaching bands. His proficiency and high standing in this field are highly creditable, for he has

acquired all his knowledge of music out of working hours, having been obliged to support himself during his younger years when he first took up the study. The same may be said of his educational acquirements in other lines, for he has done most of his studying at night, and his library is the best evidence of his inclinations. He is a thorough student of the Bible, and liberal in his religious views.

Mr. Lahr has been identified with many phases of the life of the borough of Herndon. Besides his business and musical connections, already noted, he is a member of Washington Camp No. 182, P. O. S. of A., and of Polaris Lodge, No. 765, I. O. O. F., both of Herndon, and was the first noble grand of the latter body. He has served as clerk of the town council since its incorporation and organization. Politically he is not identified with any party, voting independently.

Samuel Lahr, grandfather of Prof. M. L. W. Lahr, was a farmer and lived in Little Mahanoy township, owning the place now owned by Gilbert Bobb. He is buried at Little Mahanoy Church, of which he was a Lutheran member, and he held office in his congregation. His wife was Elizabeth Ferster, and they had an only son, Henry.

Henry Lahr was born July 7, 1825, and died November 30, 1893, aged sixty-eight years, four months, twenty-three days. He is buried at Uniontown (Pillow), near which place he lived, on a farm in Lower Mahanoy township between Uniontown and Byerly's. He was a lifelong farmer, and during his long and active career had several large farms, one of which, a valuable property, he sold to his son, Prof. M. L. W. Lahr. The place on which he died, previously mentioned, contained some twenty acres. He was a progressive man, one of the most esteemed and valuable citizens of his community, interesting himself in everything that concerned the general good. He served a number of years on the school board of Lower Mahanoy township, and was one of its most useful members. A Lutheran member of the Uniontown Union Church, he served as trustee of that church for about a quarter of a century. His wife, Catharine (Wolf), daughter of Michael and Mary Magdalena (Latsha) Wolf, and granddaughter of Henry Latsha, a native of Colebrookdale township, Berks Co., Pa., died Oct. 26, 1906, at Uniontown, at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Three sons and four daughters were born to this worthy couple: Lovina married Clinton Campbell and they live in Uniontown; Sophia married John Leshner and died in 1886 (Mr. Leshner now lives at Reading, Pa.); Samuel died at Valley Falls, Kans.; Mary (deceased) married Charles Shadel and lived at Fountain Spring, Schuylkill county; Elizabeth, who died in 1903, married Monroe

Wiest and lived at Allentown; Prof. M. L. W. is a resident of Sunbury; Jacob is a resident of Uniontown.

PROF. M. L. W. LAHR was born June 13, 1863, and has been a resident of the borough of Sunbury since the fall of 1900. He has been engaged in educational work throughout his active years. Having received an excellent foundation for his education in public and private schools, he attended what was then known as Central Pennsylvania College (now known as Albright College), at Myerstown, Pa., and later became a student at the Ohio Normal University, at Ada, Ohio. When eighteen years old he had begun teaching, in his native township, and he has been thus engaged ever since, at present filling his twenty-sixth term. For seven terms he was at the Dalmatia high school; two terms at the Uniontown high school, and one term at the Mount Carmel high school, before he came to Sunbury. He is now assistant principal of the Sunbury high school, to which position he was promoted in the fall of 1907, and put in charge of the department of modern languages. Professor Lahr is an educator of high standing and proved efficiency, and his success is due to conscientious work and devotion to his duties, in which he is deeply interested. He is a member of the O. U. A. M. at Sunbury, and thoroughly identified with the best interests of the community.

In 1890 Professor Lahr married Sevilla Dubendorf, daughter of William and Julianne (Wiest) Dubendorf, who lived in Jordan township, this county. They have a family of five children: Cardella, who graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1909 and is now engaged in teaching public school in this county; Anna; Melvin; Truman, and Helen. Professor Lahr and his family worship at Zion Lutheran Church at Sunbury.

George Lahr (also recorded as Johan Georg Lahr), born July 5, 1799, lived in the territory now embraced in Jackson township and followed agricultural pursuits, owning a farm of about one hundred acres now the property of John Riegel. He was a fine wood worker, and his services in that capacity were frequently called for. He made many spinning wheels and wool wheels, coffins, and furniture of different kinds. He died Nov. 1, 1866, and was buried at St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy (now Red Cross). His wife, Catharine Dressler, daughter of Jacob Dressler, was born April 20, 1798, and died Oct. 8, 1881. Their children are all deceased: Jacob, born Aug. 25, 1824, lived in Jackson township, and died Jan. 6, 1861; Benneville; Rebecca married Samuel B. Smith; Levi, born April 18, 1830, lived in Jackson township, and died Jan. 6, 1896 (his wife Mary Ann, born Sept. 30, 1833, died Sept. 28, 1888); Elias is mentioned below; several died young.

Elias Lahr, son of George, was a farmer and carpenter. He made his home in Washington township, where he followed agricultural pursuits for many years, and he did carpentry in that and surrounding townships, building a number of barns. He was a prominent man in the locality, holding various township offices and serving as deacon and elder of St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy, in which he held membership. Politically he was a Democrat. He is buried at Herndon (we have record of Elias T. Lahr, who died Jan. 26, 1892, aged sixty-three years, one month, eighteen days, and Mary, his wife, who died Feb. 21, 1910, aged seventy-two years, seven months). His wife Polly, daughter of John M. Snyder, is also deceased. They had seven children: Jorlah S.; Catharine, who died in her ninth year; Amanda, who married Joel Rebuck; and four who died young.

JORLAH S. LAHR, son of Elias and Polly (Snyder) Lahr, was born Sept. 30, 1856, in Jackson township, and was reared to farm life. He worked with his parents until after he attained his majority, in 1874 commencing to farm the homestead in Washington township for his father, and he was engaged there four years. After that he conducted the "Parrish Hotel," at Herndon, for one year, but with this exception his time has been given to farming. From Herndon he moved to a 106-acre farm in Washington township which he purchased, and lived thirteen years on that place, after which he was a tenant at Hebe for one year and in the Swabian Creek district for one year. He was also in the Lykens valley for one year, after which he purchased the tract of eighty-seven acres in Lower Mahanoy township on which he has since made his home. This place was a Witmer homestead for many years. Mr. Lahr is a thrifty farmer and one of the substantial and respected citizens of his neighborhood.

In 1874 Mr. Lahr married Mary Eyster, daughter of David and Hannah (Geise) Eyster, and to them have been born thirteen children: John married Katie Miller; Jane married W. K. Bingaman; George married Susan A. Riegel; Katie married Irwin Leshner; Emma married Charles Riegel; Henry married Bertha Hoffman; Louisa lives in Sunbury with the family of Hon. C. B. Witmer; Edward, Susan and Charles are unmarried; three died young. Mr. Lahr and his family are members of the Lutheran congregation at Pillow, which he has served seven years in the office of deacon. He is a Democrat in political sentiment.

DONEY. There are living in Northumberland county many of the posterity of those Hessian soldiers who, having been sold to England to assist in the suppression of the Revolution, had no desire to return to a country and a ruler which had sent them to fight the Colonists against their will, and

consequently remained in this country at the close of the war. Among those who settled in this country and here passed the remainder of their lives were the following, who are buried in the old graveyard at Zion's Church, in Stone Valley: Nicholas Bohner, Heinrich Hepner, Adam Dockey, John Bingaman, Johan Lessman, Jacob Allman, one Ossman and one Gessner. The following are buried at Klinger's Church, which is in Schuylkill county near the Northumberland county line: Johan Schwalm (1752-1836), Conrad Dietz, Andraes Schmeltz, Johannes Stang, Peter Stein, and one Yund. Among other Hessian pioneers in this section were Michael Roedel (Radel), a Long, a Dornsfie, and others whose descendants are numbered among the best citizens of the Commonwealth.

Johan Nickalas Doney, one of the Hessian soldiers who refused to return to his native land after the Revolutionary war ended, was one of the large number captured by Washington at Trenton. Before 1800 he had settled in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, where he married and reared a creditable family. He was one of the most respected citizens of his section. His children were: Abraham, John Adam and Anna Maria (Mrs. Peifer).

Abraham Doney, son of Johan Nickalas, came with his father from Berks or Lebanon county to Northumberland prior to 1800. He married Maria Zerbe, and they lived in Lower Mahanoy township, where they were farming people. They are buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church. They were the parents of a large family, namely: George, Adam, Peter, John, Jacob, Benjamin, Abraham, Israel, Polly, Catharine, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Sallie and Rachel.

Israel Doney, son of Abraham, lived in Lower Mahanoy township, where he followed farming. He and his wife Sarah (Campbell) are buried at Zion's Church, in Stone Valley. They were the parents of nine children, five of whom died young, the survivors being: John Adam, George E., Benjamin H. and Sarah C. (wife of Jacob Lahr, of Lower Mahanoy township).

DOCKEY. Adam Dockey, one of the Hessian soldiers buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church, also founded a family represented to this day in Northumberland county. He was a pioneer resident of Lower Mahanoy township, and through his son John the name was continued. Elmer Dockey, of Uniontown (Pillow), Pa., is a conspicuous member of this family. Adam Dockey had one son and two daughters: John, Elizabeth (who died unmarried) and Catharine (married Simon Lenker).

John Dockey, son of Adam, married Mary Schaffer, and they were farming people in Lower Mahanoy township. They were members of the

Mahanoy church, and both are buried at that church. Their family consisted of thirteen children, all of whom reached maturity: (1) Michael, born March 2, 1813, died Nov. 12, 1889. (Susanna, who died May 26, 1900, aged sixty years, ten months, three days, may have been his wife.) He had two sons and three daughters. (2) John, born March 24, 1815, died Sept. 24, 1887. His wife Elizabeth, born Nov. 27, 1815, died Feb. 2, 1891. They had one daughter. (3) Mary. (4) Jonas, born Dec. 31, 1819, died July 7, 1904. His wife Catharine (Hepner), born June 15, 1819, died Oct. 27, 1891. They had one son and one daughter. (5) Elizabeth. (6) Joseph had two sons and four daughters. (7) Sarah. (8) Catharine. (9) Magdalene married David Underkoffler and they had fifteen children. (10) Benjamin, born April 29, 1829, lives at Pillow. He had two sons and one daughter. (11) Annie never married. (12) Elias, born June 21, 1833, died Dec. 7, 1888. His wife Eliza, born in 1834, died in 1893. They had two sons and five daughters. (13) Nathan, born Dec. 11, 1830, died Oct. 7, 1833.

CHARLES H. McMAHAN, of Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., is a descendant of one of the oldest families in the upper part of the county, which has been located in the Chillisquaque Valley since about 1771.

The family originated in Scotland, where the name was MacMahan. In 1650, because of clan disturbances on account of religion, they left their native land and settled in the North of Ireland. There, between 1730 and 1740, an outbreak occurred between the Presbyterians and the Catholics, and the MacMahans, who were staunch Presbyterians, took part in the trouble. At a battle fought about 1732 five brothers were serving, and they were ever after separated. One, in some manner, was carried to France, and he became the ancestor of the celebrated Marshal MacMahon, who served as president of the French Republic.

In 1735 or 1736 John McMahan, another of the five brothers, and the ancestor of the family in this country, came to America with his wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Murray, the Murrys, Hewitts, Irwins, Chenneys and Shaws emigrating from the North of Ireland about the same time. They all settled in Sherman's Valley, in Juniata county, Pa., in the section then known as Leek township, Cumberland county. John and Margaret McMahan brought with them their eldest son, James, then two years old, and the following children were born in the new home: John (the next in the line of descent we are tracing), Elizabeth, Sara, Margaret, Rachel, Agnes, Mary and Benjamin. The family remained at the original settlement during the lifetime of the father, who passed away in Cumberland county

in 1767. He was a man of property, as an extract from his will shows: "As to what worldly goods the Lord has blessed me with I dispose of in the following manner: That all my just debts be truly and immediately paid. Next, I leave to Margaret, my beloved wife, and to her four youngest children, the use of my whole estate, real and personal, till said Benjamin is at the age of 21 years; at which time I will that my real estate be equally divided between my two sons exclusive of the place my son James lives on, which I leave to him free of any incumbrance, that to John and Benjamin, they giving to my beloved wife a neat, comfortable house, separate to herself if demanded."

John McMahan, being a strong Protestant, helped to lay the foundation of that faith in the Cumberland valley. In 1769 his son James, in company with James, William and John Murray, Thomas Hewitt, Johnson Chenney and William Fisher, traveled over from Sherman's Valley to the Chillisquaque Valley, where they took up land, about three hundred acres on the south side of the Chillisquaque creek, later owned by the Voris family. Hewitt settled on a tract on the north side of the creek, west of the Red Bridge, and Murray on the north side, east of Hewitt's place and north of McMahan's. A little later the latter's younger brothers, John and Benjamin, came hither with their venerable mother and settled to the east of James McMahan's place, on the same side of the creek, on land where Centre church now stands. Here the two brothers and their mother lived together. William Fisher settled near the mouth of the creek, and built a mill, Wilson's mill. Mrs. McMahan was accidentally drowned in the Chillisquaque creek, while accompanying young James, her 12-year-old grandson (who was driving) on the way home from this mill, by the overturning of their wagon. When Benjamin McMahan became of age he removed to Huntingdon county, Pa., where he lived and died.

James McMahan, the eldest son in the family, was known as "Major," and performed service in the Revolutionary war, serving under Washington in the Battle of Fort Duquesne. He married Mary Murray, and they were the parents of the following children: (1) John, the eldest son, married Miss Rebecca Reynolds, and built a house on a part of his father's farm. This burned, and he moved to New York State, settling near Lake Erie. His son Thomas married Rebecca Logan and settled in Point township, Northumberland Co., Pa., near Northumberland. (2) Jane married Thomas Murray, eldest son of Col. James Murray, and they were the parents of James Fisher Murray, who married Amelia Housel and moved to Mississippi. (3) James married Mary McCord, and they had one daughter, Sarah Ann, who married Austin Smith, of May-

ville, N. Y. (4) Thomas lived and died at Albany, N. Y. (5) Samuel, born in 1779, married Jane Reed, daughter of William and Mary Reed and granddaughter of William and Jane (Mitchell) Reed; William Reed, the elder, great-grandfather of Mrs. Jane McMahan, married Dolly Letson, and died in Ireland, his widow and five children coming to America. Samuel and Jane (Reed) McMahan were the parents of eleven children, Mary, Jennie (Mrs. James Blair), Rebecca (Mrs. Samuel Blair), James (who married Mary Hawthorn), Margaret (Mrs. John Giffen), William Reed (who married Sara Clark and moved to Bradford county), Sara (who died young), Samuel (who married Margaret A. Deffenbacher), Eliza Ann (deceased), John (who married Elizabeth Hendrickson and moved to Vineyard, N. J.), and Thomas (who died young).

John McMahan, son of John the emigrant, was the great-grandfather of Charles H. McMahan. He took up about four hundred acres of land in Montour county, part of which is still owned by Charles H. McMahan and his brothers and sisters. He served in the Revolutionary war and later married Jane Murray, daughter of John Murray and sister of Thomas Murray, Jr. Six sons and three daughters were born to them, as follows: James, who married Margaret Murray, daughter of "Meeting House" John Murray, as he was called; Peggy, Mrs. Van Zant; John; Hannah; Benjamin, who married Hettie Brailey; Thomas; Polly; William, who married Sara Simington and (second) Effie Kerr; and Samuel. The father of this family was one of the founders of the Chillisquaque Church.

John McMahan, grandfather of Charles H., was born on the old homestead in Liberty township, Montour county. He married Mary (Molly) Simington, and to them were born children as follows: Jane, who married Alexander Clark; Robert S.; William; Elizabeth, Mrs. John Durham; John, who moved to Sumner county, Kan.; Sara, wife of Joseph K. Murray; and Thomas B., who moved to Sumner county, Kan., and married there.

William McMahan, father of Charles H. McMahan, was born March 22, 1832, and died July 29, 1894. He was a prominent farmer of his native township, Liberty, and held in high esteem there. Although the district was strongly Democratic, and he was a Republican, he was long a member of the township school board, serving for over twenty years, and he was secretary and treasurer of that body for many years. He was a staunch member of the Chillisquaque church, and served as elder up to the time of his death. Mr. McMahan married Selina Mack, daughter of Robert Mack, and she survived him several years, dying March 19, 1901. They became the parents of the following children: Anna Mary, born Jan.

20, 1863, who died July 12, 1889; Charles H.; Lizzie Simington, born May 3, 1870, who died June 7, 1890; Robert Mack; Lucy H., and John A., the three last named living in Pottsgrove, Pennsylvania.

Robert Mack, father of Mrs. Selina McMahan, was born April 6, 1811, and died Sept. 28, 1884. His wife, Mary A. McFall, born April 16, 1801, died Jan. 10, 1887. Their children were born as follows: Alpheus, April 11, 1832 (died May 31, 1834); Susan P., March 14, 1833 (married Levi Berger); Usiah, Jan. 9, 1835 (moved to Joliet, Ill., and married there); Mary, Nov. 1, 1837; Selina, Feb. 26, 1839 (married William McMahan); William H., March 15, 1841 (died March 15, 1907); Anna, July 24, 1843 (married William Voris); Margaret, Feb. 27, 1848; Elizabeth J., June 22, 1850.

Charles H. McMahan was born Aug. 16, 1865, on the old homestead in Liberty township, Montour county, Pa., and there attended the public schools during his early boyhood. Later he was a pupil at the Pottsgrove Academy, and he took the dairy course at the State College, from which he was graduated. For some years after commencing life on his own account Mr. McMahan was a traveling salesman, during this time spending several years on the Pacific coast, traveling from Southern California to British Columbia as agent and manager for W. A. Charles & Co., advertisers. While in California he wired the dining room of the Coronada Beach hotel, which contains over eighteen hundred incandescent lights and some seventy arc lights.

Mr. McMahan was called back East by the death of his father, and he has ever since made his home in his native section. He spent some time on the farm, later traveling through the Southern States as representative of a pump company until 1902, when he opened a grain and feed store at Pottsgrove, Pa. He immediately began the manufacture of special feeds, known as McMahan's Milk and Muscle Producer, McMahan's Concentrated Protein Feed, McMahan's Special Pig Grower and Prepared Horse Feed. In 1907 he opened an establishment in Milton, Northumberland county, which he equipped with machinery for the manufacture of his special products. He designed and made the machinery himself. Since locating in Milton he has also dealt in coal, and he has built up an excellent business in both lines; there is a steady demand for his feed preparations.

Mr. McMahan married Anna Curry, daughter of William and Rebecca Helen (Lowry) Curry, of Montour county, and granddaughter of Judge Curry, whose ancestors came to Montour county before the Revolution, taking up a vast tract in Valley township. The farm which Mrs. McMahan's father owns has been in the Curry name for over 125 years.

In politics Mr. McMahan is a Republican, and while in Pottsgrove he served as committeeman and for five years as justice of the peace. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and while located at Pottsgrove served as one of the trustees of the Chillisquaque church, founded so long before by his great-grandfather.

MERRITT S. ADAMS, undertaker and furniture dealer at Watsonstown, Northumberland county, has been a resident of that place since 1895 and engaged in business on his own account the greater part of the time. He was born Feb. 20, 1874, at Milesburg, Center Co., Pa., son of William Adams and grandson of Matthew Adams.

Matthew Adams was for many years during his active life prominently associated with the iron industry, being long superintendent of the Curtin Iron Company and later superintendent of the Valentine Iron Company. Upon his retirement he removed to Howard, Pa., where he died. He married Elizabeth Carpenter, who bore him the following children: Thomas died in Milesburg, Pa.; Wesley died at Milesburg; Mary married Abram Elder, a surveyor; Jane married John Toner and, after his death, B. Liggett; Matthew died in Kansas City, Mo.; William is mentioned below; Sarah married Benjamin Liggett.

William Adams was born Aug. 2, 1833, in Milesburg, Center Co., Pa., and died Oct. 18, 1879. He was a contractor, engaged in the sinking of oil wells, and many of the wells in Venango county, Pa., were drilled by him. He married Elizabeth Wright Forrester, daughter of James Forrester, and they had children as follows: Jennie T.; Mary, who died young; Merritt S.; Annie E.; Elizabeth W., who married Marshall Cameron, of Grand Rapids, Mich., where they reside.

Merritt S. Adams received his early education in the public schools of Milesburg. He learned cabinetmaking with Alfred Green, and coming to Watsonstown March 20, 1895, was for four years after his arrival in the borough employed by the late Enos Everitt, in the furniture and undertaking business, at the end of that period commencing on his own account. In 1903 Mr. Adams erected the substantial building on Main street, in which his business has since been located, and which is one of the finest structures in the town. It is 50' by 70 feet in dimensions, three stories and basement, built of fine pressed brick and finished in modern style, steam-heated and equipped with electric lights. The third floor is rented to Watsonstown Lodge, F. & A. M., which has fine quarters there. Mr. Adams carries a fine stock of furniture and house furnishings of all kinds, and he is well prepared to handle the undertaking branch of the business, having two hearses and a number of carriages as well as all the modern appliances for embalming, etc. He is an energetic

young business man, and has prospered deservedly. As a citizen he is held in favorable regard throughout the community, ever ready to assist any movement for the general welfare, for he considers it no hardship to serve his fellowmen and is a disinterested worker in all lines which promise to promote the public good.

On Oct. 20, 1903, Mr. Adams married Ella G. Hech, daughter of Rev. Levi Hech, a Methodist minister, of Lock Haven, Pa. Their union has been blessed with one son, William Hech. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are members of the Methodist church, and he has for four years been superintendent of the Sunday school. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F., the Jr. O. U. A. M., the K. G. E. and the Modern Woodmen of America.

EDWIN L. KEISER, who has carried on a drug business at Milton since 1900, was born Dec. 20, 1872, in Union county, Pa., son of Jacob and Susan (Leinbach) Keiser.

The Keiser family has been established in Northampton county, Pa., since before the Revolutionary war. Michael Keiser, the first known ancestor of this line, lived in that county before the war, in which he was a soldier. One of his sons, Jacob, who was born in Northampton county Feb. 26, 1807, came to Union county with his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Elick, and purchased a large tract of land. He was a man of considerable force of character and became a leader in the community, where he filled nearly all the local offices of trust. He was a Republican in politics from the formation of the new party, and in religion he and his wife were consistent members of the Lutheran church. He died Feb. 12, 1867, aged fifty-nine years, and his wife survived him many years, dying Oct. 8, 1892. She was born Sept. 11, 1805, in Northampton county, daughter of Christopher Elick. They are buried in Church Hill cemetery, in Kelly township, Union county. They had a family of eleven children: (1) Susan married Solomon Rauch and they have one son, Harrison. (2) John A. married (first) Sarah Heilman, daughter of John Heilman, of Lycoming county, and she died in November, 1860; she is buried in Lycoming county. By his second marriage, to Sarah J. Dietrich, he has had two children: Jane Estella, born Feb. 8, 1863, who died Feb. 18, 1869; and Elmer Edgar, born Feb. 7, 1863, now a physician in Tacony, Pa. (3) Caroline died at the age of nineteen years. (4) Harrison married Elizabeth Wise, daughter of John Wise, and they have six children, Laura, Margaret, Ambrose, Annie R., Sarah and Harry. (5) Reuben, twin of Harrison, married Elizabeth Foresman and has four children, Brison, Frederick, Grace and Estella. (6) William married E. Alice Yarger and has had six children, Lewis J., Annie, Morris, Mary, Lester and Hattie. (7) Jacob is men-

tioned below. (8) Aaron M. died young. (9) Samuel married Carrie Ruhl and they have had children, Jennie, Mabel, Elizabeth J., Clara, Clement C. and Grace C. Reese. (10) Benjamin F. married Mary L. Pawling, daughter of John, and they are the parents of James L., George O., John R. and Bertha A. (11) Melancthon married Emma Rothermel.

Jacob Keiser, father of Edwin L., was born in 1840, and died May 28, 1904. He married (first) Rebecca Dietrich, who died leaving one daughter, Rebecca, now the wife of William G. Kline. His second marriage was to Susan Leinbach, of Northumberland county, and they are the parents of five children: Edwin L., John W., Ammon H. and Katherine M., all of whom are married; and Earl J., who died in young manhood.

Edwin L. Keiser received his education in the schools of his home place and attended high school at Milton. He then took a course in the National Institute of Pharmacy at Chicago, Ill., and in 1900 began business at the location on the corner of Front and Mahoning streets, Milton, where he has since been established. He has proved himself well adapted to his chosen line of work, and is doing well in a business way, being an intelligent manager as well as a careful druggist. He stands well with the substantial citizens of the borough.

On Oct. 24, 1898, Mr. Keiser married Anna, daughter of Elam D. and Mary (Goodman) Deifenderfer, of West Milton, the former of whom is postmaster at that place. Two children have been born to this union, Harold D. and Edwin Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Keiser are members of Trinity Lutheran church at Milton. They occupy the old Dougal home in Milton, which was built more than a century ago. Socially he is a member of Milton Chapter, Royal Arcanum, and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

LAWRENCE L. LEWIS, general manager of the Watertown Boot & Shoe Company, has been a resident of the borough since 1892 and throughout his residence there associated with the same concern. He has been superintendent since 1902. Mr. Lewis was born in 1866 in Pittsburg, Pa., where his father, Lawrence L. Lewis, settled upon coming to America. The father was a native of Scotland and of Scotch-Irish extraction. He was quite young when he came to this country, and in his earlier manhood was connected with the oil business, but before his death was interested in towboats going down the Ohio river. He had poor health for several years before he died, his death occurring when his son Lawrence was still young. He is buried at Pittsburg. Mr. Lewis was a Presbyterian in religious matters. His wife, Hettie, was born in America, and long survived him. They had quite a large family, namely: William

of Pittsburg; May, who married William Cailey, a contractor, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hettie, unmarried; Margaret, who married Charles Mason, of Steubenville, Ohio; Andrew, deceased; Lawrence L.; and several who died young.

Lawrence L. Lewis began to learn the business of shoe manufacturing at an early age in his native city, in the employ of the firm of J. D. Chantler & Co., with whom he remained six years. In 1892 he came to Watertown, Northumberland Co., Pa., and took a position with the Watertown Boot & Shoe Company, becoming general superintendent of the plant in 1902. He has since filled that responsible position, and much of the prosperity of the concern during the intervening years is due to his enterprise and excellent management. The business is established on the main street of Watertown, in a three-story brick building 50 feet wide and 165 feet long, and is one of the principal industries in the borough, giving regular employment to eighty people. The company was established in 1870 and the business has been conducted without interruption since, and a general line of men's, boys' and youths' shoes is turned out, the specialty being a line of heavy shoes in demand among lumbermen and prospectors, sold largely in the south and on the Pacific coast. The concern was incorporated in 1909 with Penn C. Hastings as president, Estella Westley as secretary and treasurer, and L. L. Lewis as general manager. Mr. Lewis has established his reputation as a business man of worth, and he is regarded as a reliable citizen in Watertown, where he has served the community as a member of the board of education.

Mr. Lewis married Mabel Derr, daughter of Christopher Derr, of Montgomery, Pa., and they have four children: Helen, Delroy, Margerie and Catharine.

EDGAR BLUE, a young business man of Pottsgrove, who is taking his place among the enterprising citizens of that community, was born Dec. 24, 1874, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., son of Samuel and Clarinda (Murray) Blue.

The earliest record we have of the Blue family in this section goes back to 1775, when Frederick, William and Samuel Blue were taxables in Turbut township, Northumberland county. In 1784 we find Peter Blue had removed to Montour county, where he paid seven shillings, sixpence tax. Later we find his son Samuel lived in the same township, and the latter's son Frederick purchased a farm in Liberty township, that county. For some time he served as sheriff, when Montour and Columbia were one county, and he was also county treasurer during that period, when the two counties were known as Columbia county. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Himmelreich, are buried

in the old Billmeyer cemetery. They were the parents of the following named children: Samuel, Martin and George.

Samuel Blue, son of Frederick, was born in Montour county and was reared on a farm, meantime attending the public schools of his native township. In his young manhood he was engaged in huckstering there, attending the Shamokin market. Subsequently he purchased a farm, which he cultivated, and he also established a coal yard and grain and hay depot, which he carried on up to the time of his death in June, 1892. He was active in the public affairs of his locality, serving for years as a member of the school board, and in 1877 was honored with election to the office of treasurer of Montour county, which he filled for one term. Politically he was a Democrat and in religious faith a Presbyterian, holding membership in the Chillisquaque church, of which he was an officer for years.

Mr. Blue's first marriage was to Mary Wolfe, by whom he had one son, Charles, now a civil engineer, located in New York City; he married Josephine Voris. Mrs. Mary Blue died shortly after the birth of her son. By his second marriage, to Clarinda Murray, Mr. Blue became the father of six children: Carrie, who married D. Collins and has two children, Margaret and Willard; Wilfred, who died in Dakota; Frank, who died in Connecticut; George Herbert, who died in Connecticut; Edgar; and Jennie, who lives with her mother at Montoursville, Pennsylvania.

Edgar Blue grew to manhood on his father's farm; was educated in the public schools at Mexico, in Liberty township, Montour county, finishing with a term in the old Pottsgrove Academy. Because of his father's poor health he came to Pottsgrove to take charge of the business, and after his father's death he continued the coal yard and hay business, also dealing at present in feed. On March 1, 1906, he purchased the mill of the Pottsgrove Milling Company and has since been engaged in the manufacture of high-grade flour, one of his special brands being "Our Latest," for which there is a large demand. Mr. Blue is progressive and energetic, and has prospered in the various branches of his business. He has served several terms on the local school board and is at present president of the board. He is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Chillisquaque Presbyterian church, which he is serving as trustee.

On April 25, 1899, Mr. Blue married Eva Ritter, daughter of Solomon H. and Eliza (Miller) Ritter, the latter the daughter of Frederick Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Blue have three children, Florence I., Irene R. and Myron L.

DR. FRANK W. BAILEY, who holds a high place among the dental practitioners of Northumberland county, and is a well known and popu-

lar citizen of the town of Milton, is a native of Center county, Pa., born there Jan. 16, 1871, son of John G. and Nannie (McWilliams) Bailey. He is of Scotch-Irish descent.

John Bailey, his great-grandfather, went from Chester county, Pa., into Center county, and there became the founder of the small town Baileysville, named in his honor. He was a miller and merchant and became one of the very important men of his time. He was energetic and industrious and became very well-to-do. He and his wife had a family of fifteen children.

John Bailey (2), son of John, followed farming in Center county, Pa. He married Nancy Goheen, and both are buried in Graysville cemetery. Their children were: Armstrong, who served in the Civil war; Joseph, also a soldier in the Civil war; Samuel; Jane A.; John G.; William; Mary; Scott; Washington; Warren and Esther.

John G. Bailey, son of John (2), was born in 1845, and died Dec. 26, 1909. He was a farmer, following that occupation in Ferguson township, Center county. He was very active in public affairs as a staunch Republican, and for two terms held the office of county commissioner, his funeral taking place the day his second term of office expired. He was a director of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centerhall, and was very active in his work for the interest of his Company. He was an official member of the Presbyterian church. He married Nannie McWilliams, daughter of Henry McWilliams, and she now makes her home at Pine Grove, Center county. The children born of this union were: Frank W.; John, living on the old homestead; and Mary, who married Hammel Glenn, son of Samuel Glenn, and member of a prominent Center county family.

Dr. Frank W. Bailey attended the local schools and Pennsylvania State College, and completed his education in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in the class of 1900. He then bought the office and goodwill of the late Dr. E. E. Clark, at No. 34 Broadway, Milton, Pa., and he has through his skill and his pleasant manner won many friends and has a very large practice. He is a member of the Lycoming Dental Society. Fraternally he is a member of B. P. O. E., and in his political faith he is a Republican. His religious convictions are those of the Presbyterian denomination. He is a member of the Board of Trade.

Dr. Bailey married Annie W. (Batdorf) Clark, widow of Dr. E. E. Clark, who died Feb. 25, 1900. She was born Nov. 28, 1868. Mrs. Bailey's father, Adam Batdorf, is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

JOHN VORIS KREMER, member of the firm of Kremer Brothers (Harry J. and John V. Kremer), contractors and builders of Pottsgrove, North-

umberland county, is one of the well known business men in his line in that section, where his father was similarly engaged for many years. Mr. Kremer was born Sept. 1, 1870, in Chillisquaque (now East Chillisquaque) township, son of Jacob Braucher Kremer and grandson of Jacob Kremer, who founded the family in this region.

Jacob Kremer was born Aug. 24, 1794, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., and came to Northumberland county in 1825. He settled near Pottsgrove, and being a skilled cabinetmaker followed the trade all his life with great success, many pieces of the fine and well-made furniture he turned out being still found in homes all over this section. He was the pioneer in the undertaking business in his district, and made coffins for a dollar a foot. He died at his home near Pottsgrove, Sept. 13, 1858, and his wife, Catharine (Seaman), who was born in Berks county in 1798, died at her home near Pottsgrove in 1870. They are buried at the Center Church, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa. Five children were born to this pioneer couple: Jacob Braucher; Benjamin, who died at Danville, Pa. (his wife's maiden name was Crossley); Daniel, who resides at Benton, Columbia Co., Pa. (he was twice married, his first wife being a Foust, his second a Kerns); Lydia, who married Charles Irvin (both are deceased); and Caroline, who married William Fetzer (both are deceased).

Jacob Braucher Kremer, born Nov. 27, 1827, learned his trade with his father and in time engaged in business for himself, following contracting and building for many years. Many of the substantial houses and barns in this section are of his construction. He was active until his death, which occurred Jan. 13, 1909; he is buried in Harmony cemetery at Milton. After buying the old J. M. Bucher farm of eighty acres, in what is now East Chillisquaque township, he improved the property greatly, erecting all the present buildings on the place, and there his widow now resides. He was an energetic man, and not only managed his own affairs well but also took part in matters of general interest to the community, serving as member of the school board of his township, and working zealously in the Center Lutheran church, of which he was a leading member for many years. He served long as a church officer and was also superintendent of the Sunday school. He continued his active connection with this church after its removal to Pottsgrove. Politically he was a Democrat.

On Feb. 18, 1851, Mr. Kremer was married in Montour county to Anna Catharine Hendrickson, and they became the parents of six children, namely: (1) J. Allison, who died in 1905, aged fifty-four years, married Vedilla McGuigan, who resides in Pottsgrove. They had children: Jacob L., Marion C., Joseph D., Eleanor C., Edwin and

Charles. (2) George Franklin is a salesman in the employ of the Oliver Chilled Plow Company, whose offices are at Harrisburg. He is unmarried. (3) Catharine married W. D. McWilliams, secretary of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, and they live in Milton, Pa. (4) Elizabeth V., unmarried, lives at home. (5) Harry J., who is in partnership with his brother John, married Jennie Voris and their children are Franklin H. and Robert. (6) John Voris is living at home.

John Voris Kremer attended the public schools at Pottsgrove and later Pottsgrove Academy. With his father he learned the trade of carpenter, remaining with him as long as he lived, and the sons then took up the business, which they have since followed in partnership, under the firm name of Kremer Brothers. They command a large patronage, and a good class of work, having put up many of the fine buildings in this section, notably the First National Bank building at Milton, erected in 1909. They built a large addition to the Schreyer store in Milton. They have done considerable work on contract for the Milton Manufacturing Company, the Shimers and the Clingers, of Milton—all employers of high-class labor, an association which reflects the greatest credit on their work. Mr. Kremer is a man of high standing, an official member of the Lutheran church at Pottsgrove, a member of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., and of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Pottsgrove.

Abraham Hendrickson, great-grandfather of Mr. Kremer on the maternal side, was born in Germany, and coming to America first settled in New Jersey. Later he removed his family to Montour county, Pa., where he died. His wife, Antena Vandling, is buried with him at Danville. Their children were: Sarah, who married John Voris; Ann, who married Nichols Shires; Adam; William; John; Margaret, who died unmarried; Abraham; and Elizabeth, who married Thomas Courson.

Adam Hendrickson, son of Abraham, was born in New Jersey, and came with his parents to Montour county, Pa., where he died Aug. 10, 1850. He was a blacksmith by trade. His wife, Mary A. (Moore), died in 1870. They had the following children: Elizabeth, Mrs. John McMahan; Anna Catharine, Mrs. Jacob Braucher Kremer; Harriet, Mrs. John Singley; William; John; Emily, who was twice married, her first husband's name being Huyett; Jennie, Mrs. Underwood Fisher; Susan, Mrs. Fish; Frank and Marion.

WILLIAM T. SUTER, proprietor of the Sunny Side Farm in Gearhart township, Northumberland county, has undoubtedly the finest herd of Holstein cattle in central Pennsylvania and his dairy products are in steady demand. He is a scientific stock breeder and dairyman, and the success of his methods is a distinct triumph for

modern system and sanitary devices. Mr. Suter was born in 1865 in Gearhart township, and has spent all his life there.

John H. Suter, his father, was a native of Switzerland, born in 1824, and came to America when a young man, first settling in Berks county, Pa., whence he later moved to Northumberland county. He made his home at the place now occupied by his son William, and there continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1884. His wife, Jemima (Taylor), daughter of Jacob Taylor, was born in 1834 in Lancaster county, Pa., and died in 1890. She was buried in Mount Vernon cemetery, at Riverside, but Mr. Suter was interred in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville, Montour Co., Pa. They were the parents of four children: Jacob R., who lives in Kansas; M. Elizabeth, who married John Deeter and has had children, John S., William T., May, Mary, Bessie (deceased) and Boyd; Ann Adelia, Mrs. Herbert Greenman of McGraw, N. Y., and William T.

William T. Suter had the advantages afforded by the public schools of Gearhart township. As a youth he was energetic and willing to work in order to make his way in life, but he had a setback soon after commencing on his own account, fire destroying his home. Though this calamity left him almost without means he started again undaunted, rebuilding without delay, and the beautiful home which he now occupies soon replaced the one which had been laid in ashes. He had purchased the lot of nine acres upon which he was born, and there began the cultivation of small fruits and garden truck, which he still continues, though he has enlarged his operations until he now does a business of considerable magnitude in that line. Being a great reader, and believing that he could improve his knowledge of farming by study as well as by actual experience, he not only made a success of his original branch of agricultural work, but became interested in the raising of horses and cattle and the production of first-class milk, in which field of work he has made his principal reputation. Meantime he had added to his nine-acre lot until he had a tract of eighteen acres, but as that was all required for his gardening he rented adjoining land on which to raise feed for his cattle and horses. When the adjoining farm of 250 acres was for sale, in 1904, he purchased it, and he now has both his places well stocked. He has built large siloes on both places, and there are other evidences of the modern methods he employs to bring the grade of his stock up to the top mark, the healthy appearance and condition of his cattle being the best defense of his up-to-date system. His herd of large Holsteins is considered the finest in central Pennsylvania, and his equipment is regarded as model in every respect. The stables are all planned and cared for in the most sanitary manner, everything in

fact that sanitation can do to keep the dairy products particularly pure and sweet being put in practice, and the result is that the products of the Sunny Side Farm, as Mr. Suter has named his property, are in demand among the most exacting class of patrons at the Danville markets, where they are sold. All modern appliances for the cleanly care and handling of the milk are found in the dairy, which had all the advantages to be derived from an abundance of good running water, ice and compressed air devices, and Mr. Suter conveys his products to market in specially constructed wagons. It is well worth any one's time to visit this model farm and have Mr. Suter explain the work in which he has done so well. In his extensive travels he has never neglected opportunities for further study and observation, so that he is not only abreast of the times, but a leader in many ways in his special field. He is a self-made man, in that he has accomplished his success by his own efforts solely, and he is looked upon as an authority on dairy cattle. His home lot is now especially devoted to the raising of small fruits, being planted with plum, peach and cherry trees now in bearing.

Mr. Suter married Jennie K. Morrall, daughter of S. H. Morrall. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Suter have traveled widely, and being people of keen intelligence have gained much from their opportunities in that line. They are Methodists in religious connection, being members of Trinity Church.

GEORGE CALVIN STAHL, of Milton, district manager for the Commonwealth Casualty Company, his territory embracing about seven counties, has been in the insurance business since 1905. His previous experience in business-life included several years as merchant, several years as special accountant, and service in various local offices. In his earlier manhood he followed teaching for a number of years and also did newspaper work.

Mr. Stahl was born Aug. 24, 1858, in Paradise valley, in Lewis township, Northumberland county, son of George Stahl, grandson of Philip Stahl and great-grandson of John Stahl, a native of Germany, born Aug. 18, 1741. The last named came to America when a young man and served under Washington in the Revolutionary war, being quartermaster, captain and at times recruiting officer. He was with the army at Valley Forge during the memorable winter of hardship, and at the crossing of the Delaware Christmas night, 1776. Being a skilled mechanic, his services were often valuable in repairing implements of war during the Revolution. After the war he (having already married) moved to Northumberland county, Pa., where he took up four hundred acres of land in what is now Lewis township. He died

Feb. 27, 1809. His wife, Elizabeth, born in 1746, died in September, 1832. They were the parents of the following children: Jacob, born Feb. 16, 1776, who died Sept. 3, 1796; Philip, born Dec. 17, 1781, who died March 24, 1832; and John George, born June 11, 1791, who died Aug. 4, 1820.

Philip Stahl, son of John, born Dec. 17, 1781, was a Hefelong farmer. He married Elizabeth B. Eshbach, who was born Dec. 15, 1776, and died March 9, 1844, the mother of six children, three of whom, William, Thomas and Sarah, died young; the others were: Elizabeth, born March 9, 1811, died March 17, 1844; George, born Feb. 25, 1814, died in 1894; and Catherine, born Oct. 11, 1816, died May 10, 1844.

Anthony Eshbach, father of Mrs. Stahl, made a trip from Northampton county, Pa., with his son Anthony in 1804 to Turbut township, Northumberland county, where he purchased 347 acres of land for \$26.50 per acre. Here they built a log house 16 by 20 feet in dimensions, one story high, and hither Mr. Eshbach moved with his wife, Barbara (Romig), and family in 1805. The children were as follows: Jonathan, David, Jacob, John, Anthony, Catharine, Sarah and Elizabeth B. (Mrs. Philip Stahl).

George Stahl, son of Philip, was born Feb. 25, 1814, on the farm where he afterward made his home, and received his education in the local public schools. He followed farming all his life, dying there in 1894. He was quite active in the affairs of his day, being a supporter of the Democratic party in political matters and a member of the Reformed Church on religious questions. He served six years as school director and filled other township offices and was an earnest worker in the Paradise church, for which his grandfather, John Stahl, in company with Michael Koons and John Deiffenbacher, had purchased two acres of ground from John Christ for the sum of fifteen pounds, and on that plot the first church of the congregation was erected in 1808. Mr. Stahl was a man of high Christian character, respected by all who knew him. On May 2, 1843, he married Maria Deshler, who was born Sept. 26, 1817, daughter of Jacob Deshler, and died Jan. 16, 1860. Their union was blessed with the following named children: William J., who married Sarah Watt and had two children, Edwin (living in Indiana) and Alma; Thomas P., who died at McEwensville, Pa., in July, 1911; Mary E., of Aaronsburg, Pa.; Levi E., who married Kate Mengis and had a family of five children: Edwin O., born March 4, 1850, who married Mary A. Mengis (born June 21, 1861, died Dec. 9, 1895) and had four children, Fannie, George, Pearl, and Neta; John O., who died young; David F., who died young; and George Calvin.

George Calvin Stahl received an excellent edu-

cation, attending the public schools of his native township and later entering Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in 1883. He received his A. M. degree from that college in 1886. For several years after the completion of his college course he was engaged in teaching, in the common and normal schools, and for one term as principal of the McEwensville schools. In 1885 he settled at Milton, where he has since made his home. For several years he was editor of the Milton *Economist*, and meantime, in 1886, he had received the appointment of deputy postmaster, in which position he served until 1890. In the latter year he engaged in the mercantile business, carrying it on until 1894, and during the next five years did special accounting. Having been elected county auditor in 1889, he entered upon the duties of that position, to which he was re-elected in 1902, serving six successive years. Since the close of his services in that incumbency, in 1905, he has followed the insurance business, being now district manager for the Commonwealth Casualty Company. Mr. Stahl has been almost constantly before the public, in one capacity or another, for years, and in all his trusts has proved himself worthy of the confidence he enjoys. In 1890 he was elected a member of the Milton council for one term. He has been a stanch member of the Democratic party, and during his services as deputy postmaster was a delegate to the Democratic state convention.

On Dec. 18, 1884, Mr. Stahl was married, near Turbutville, to Lillie B. White, who was born in Milton July 9, 1859, daughter of James and Isabella (Frymire) White, the former born Jan. 15, 1819, in Kempton, Bedfordshire, England, the latter a native of McEwensville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Stahl have had one daughter, Isabella D., born Nov. 12, 1885, and married to Daniel L. Smith. Mr. Stahl and his family are members of the Reformed Church at Milton, in which he has been an earnest worker, having served the church as deacon and the Sunday school as teacher. His social connections are numerous, as he holds membership in the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity; the Royal Arcanum; the I. O. O. F. (in which he has filled all the chairs), Encampment and Patriarchs Militant; the Knights of the Golden Eagle, in which he ranks as brigadier general and past grand chief; Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; and Williamsport Lodge of Perfection.

JOHN HARRISON CAWLEY, late of Chillisque township, Northumberland county, was a farmer in the eastern part of that township throughout his active years, and was prominent in the life of the community as a holder of local offices and as an elder in the church. He was a creditable citizen in all respects, and left a name which

will be honored as long as any with whom he had dealings survive.

Mr. Cawley was a native of Union county, Pa., born Nov. 14, 1838. The family is of English descent and was resident in Cheshire, England, two brothers, Thomas and James, coming to America in the early part of the eighteenth century. James settled near Berwick, Pa., while Thomas took up land in Northampton county, Pa., where he died in 1806. From a letter written by his son John, which is remarkable for its beautiful English, to his Aunt Anna, wife of Charles Babington, we learn that the father's name was also Thomas, and that the family were property owners in Winsford, near Middlewich, Cheshire, England. Thomas Cawley, Jr., had one son, John, who lived at Springtown, Bucks Co., Pa., and who was the father of five children: John, Thomas, Jesse, and two daughters.

Jesse Cawley, son of John, born in 1786, died Sept. 25, 1840, aged fifty-four years. He married Margaret Rowley (born in 1782, died Sept. 27, 1840, aged fifty-eight years), and in 1836 they moved to Union county, Pa., purchasing a farm of three hundred acres near Winfield. There he continued to follow farming during his active years. He and his wife are buried at Lewisburg, that county. They were the parents of the following children: James (1808-1841), Benjamin (1811-1887), Dubious, John, Charles (1827-1871), Elizabeth (1824-1862) and Mary A. (1818-1888).

James Cawley, eldest son of Jesse, was born in 1808 in Bucks county, and died at the comparatively early age of thirty-three years, in 1841. He lived near Lewisburg, Union county, where he followed farming. He married Eva Campbell, also of Bucks county, and they were the parents of five children: Elizabeth married Wilson Hoover; Margaret married Henry H. Stout; William C.; John Harrison is mentioned below; Mary died in infancy.

John Harrison Cawley came to Northumberland county in his young manhood and purchased a farm of fifty acres in the eastern part of Chillisquaque township. He erected buildings on this property and followed farming there to the end of his active days. Being a progressive and intelligent man, he also took an interest in the welfare of the community, served as school director, supervisor and overseer of the poor. He was an elder in the Chillisquaque Presbyterian Church for about thirty years, up to the time of his death, which occurred July 19, 1903.

On Jan. 12, 1863, Mr. Cawley married Elizabeth Koch, daughter of Jonas and Leah (Bachman) Koch, and they had two children, James Benjamin and Florence Jeanette. The latter received her education in the public schools of the home neighborhood and at Bloomsburg State nor-

mal school, also attending the Williamsport commercial college. She is now a very successful teacher.

James Benjamin Cawley, only son of John Harrison and Elizabeth (Koch) Cawley, was born in 1866. He received his early education in the public schools of his native township, Chillisquaque, and later attended Pottsgrove Academy and Bucknell University, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1887. He then taught in the Chambersburg (Pa.) Academy and read law with William H. Hackenberg, of Milton, but what promised to be a most useful and successful career was cut short by his early death, July 21, 1891.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Cawley left the farm and moved with her daughter to Milton, where they occupy the house built by Mr. Cawley, on East Mahoning street. Mrs. Cawley is honored and beloved by the many who know her.

Jonas Koch, father of Mrs. Cawley, was born in Northampton county Dec. 26, 1807, son of Adam Koch, who lived at Petersville, Northampton Co., Pa., where for many years he served as a justice of the peace. Adam Koch married Elizabeth Strauss, and their union was blessed with the following children: Christianna, Susan, Mary, Elizabeth, Reuben, William, Henry, Jacob and Jonas.

In 1828 Jonas Koch moved from Northampton to Northumberland county, purchasing a farm in the eastern part of Chillisquaque township, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died Feb. 29, 1872, near Pottsgrove, Pa. He married Leah Bachman, who was born Aug. 23, 1814, in Northampton county, daughter of John Frederick and Catherine (Cole) Bachman, the former born Nov. 3, 1783, died Jan. 2, 1845; the latter, born Feb. 22, 1788, died July 16, 1852. Mrs. Leah (Bachman) Koch died Feb. 16, 1899, and she and her husband are buried in Harmony cemetery, at Milton, Northumberland county. They had a family of three children: Elizabeth married John Harrison Cawley; Mary A. married Charles Rissel; William H. is a resident of Pottsgrove, Pennsylvania.

DENNIS LEH, an old established business man of Milton, was born Feb. 2, 1846, in North Whitehall township, Lehigh Co., Pa., son of Joseph Leh and grandson of Henry Leh.

Henry Leh was a native of Chester county, Pa., and settled in Whitehall township, Lehigh county, when a young man, following farming there until his death. His children were: Daniel, Samuel, Reuben, Sallie, Joseph, Mrs. Herbeling and Susan Wright.

Joseph Leh was born in 1811, and died in 1868. He learned boat-building, which he fol-

lowed for about twenty years, making canal-boats, and he was later engaged on the railroad until his retirement, some time before his death. He married Polly Rex, daughter of George Rex, and they were the parents of nine children: Sarah, Josiah, Elias, Francis, Dennis, Sabina, Lucy, John and Josephine.

Dennis Leh attended school in North Whitehall township, Lehigh county, and after he commenced work was employed at "driving" on the Lehigh canal for nine years. He then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed thirteen years, in 1880 settling at Milton, Pa., where he has remained to the present time. Here he has been engaged in the slate business, and by good management he has built up a fine trade, now maintaining two yards, one on Broadway, in Milton, and one at the Philadelphia & Reading depot at Sunbury. He takes contracts for slating, and keeps from four to six men constantly busy, most of the churches and public buildings in this district having been slated by him. He is himself a good mechanic, and always endeavors to maintain high standards of workmanship in filling his contracts, a fact which undoubtedly accounts for the steady stream of work which has come his way. Mr. Leh was also for a time the owner of the Milton Paper Box Factory, located on Center alley, Milton, where he employs about ten girls and three men, the product being all kinds of paper boxes, for which there is a good local trade, though large quantities are also shipped elsewhere. This factory he sold in May, 1911. Mr. Leh has given many evidences of his enterprising and progressive disposition since settling in Milton, where he is regarded as one of the valuable and reliable citizens whose prosperity contributes as much to the community as to his own advancement.

On Feb. 17, 1873, Mr. Leh married Elmina Friese, daughter of Amos and Polly (Dengler) Friese, and they reside at No. 419 South Front street. They have had four children: (1) Josephine married William Nesbit and lives at Milton. They have two children, Laura and Helen. (2) Mary married Charles Walker and has two children, Dorothy and Catharine. (3) Deborah married Theodore Hendrix and has three children, Dennis, Lewis and Mildred. (4) Harvey married Jessie St. Clair and has one child, Elmer.

Mr. Leh is a member of the Reformed Church and in political conviction is a Republican.

Amos Friese, father of Mrs. Leh, was born in Lowhill, Lehigh Co., Pa., and died in 1906 in Allentown, that county, aged seventy-eight years. He was a stonemason, and followed that trade for many years, also engaging in butchering during the fall and winter seasons. His wife, Polly (Dengler), died in November, 1910. To them

were born fourteen children, twelve of whom are still living: Benjamin, Solomon, James, Uria, Henry, Frank, Amanda (married Willoughby Shoemaker), Elmina, Mary (married Llewellyn Bringer and is deceased), Lydia (married a Mr. Heimbach), Lucinda (married John Fenstermacher), Emma (married John Leh, brother of Dennis), Tewilla, and Isabella (who died young).

FRANK E. KIRK, of Watsontown, has been identified with the Watsontown National Bank, of which he has recently been elected president, for over twenty years, and is otherwise prominently associated with local commercial and industrial affairs, being president of the Watsontown Brick, Clay & Produce Company, which gives employment to about sixty men. He is a member of a family which was in Northumberland county in the early days, but he himself is a native of Monroe county, N. Y., born Dec. 14, 1858.

The Kirk family has been in America since before the Revolutionary period. Its founder in America came from Scotland and settled in Lancaster county, Pa. Moses Kirk, great-grandfather of Frank E. Kirk, was born in Scotland and before 1775 was one of the earliest taxables in what was then Turbut township, Northumberland Co., Pa., having settled near the Warrior Run Church, on the farm later owned by Hiram Dunkel. He died before 1779, as his widow, Mary, was in Fort Freeland with her ten children when it was surrendered to the British and Indian forces that year. She was evidently a woman of character and unusual resource. During the conflict she was one of those who melted pewter and plate, all the metal that could be had, and made it into bullets for the men who were defending the fort. When it was surrendered, the terms were that the women and girls could go free, but the men would be held as prisoners of war, and in order to prevent any of her boys being retained she put dresses on them and passed them out as girls. Her oldest son was sixteen at the time. The mother and her family reached Fort Augusta safely, and after peace was declared returned to the old home. They reconstructed the buildings and under her guidance cleared the land and improved it. Mrs. Kirk died Nov. 1, 1804, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, and is buried in the Warrior Run cemetery. We have little record of her large family, of only two sons, William and James, and the daughter Mary, who died in 1849. Another, Mrs. Himrod, moved to Erie, Pennsylvania.

Of the two sons mentioned, James Kirk was born in Northumberland county and there remained. He married Mary Foster, also a native of Northumberland county, and they had a family of ten children, all now deceased, of whom James died in 1851, at the age of thirty-six years; Esther died in 1844, at the age of thirty-two; Silas died

in 1877, at the age of fifty-nine; Catherine married her cousin, John M. Kirk; Thomas, a farmer, born March 15, 1821, in Northumberland county, died in 1891 (he was a member of the Warrior Run Church).

William Kirk, son of Moses, was born in 1763. In 1829 he sold the farm in Northumberland county which he had inherited from his father, and the old deed for which was written on sheepskin and signed by William Penn. Moving to the vicinity of Rochester, Monroe Co., N. Y., he purchased a farm upon which he passed the remainder of his life, dying June 8, 1842. His wife, Jane (Knox), died in May, 1862. They were the parents of the following children: James; William, of Monroe county, N. Y.; George; Moses, who died in 1829; Sarah, Mrs. Benjamin Keiser; Elizabeth, Mrs. Burnett; Nancy, Mrs. John Marshall; Jane, Mrs. Brooks; John M.; and Mary, who resided in Michigan. All but William and Mary were dead in 1890.

John M. Kirk, father of Frank E. Kirk, was born Oct. 14, 1815, in Northumberland county, and received his education in the public schools. When a boy he removed with his parents to Monroe county, N. Y., where he followed farming throughout his active years. On June 8, 1843, he married Margaret Burns, daughter of Torrence Burns, a native of Ireland who came to New York State when a boy, and their union was blessed with five children, Myron B., William T., John F., Frank E., and Etta L. (deceased). Mrs. Kirk died in 1872 in New York State and Mr. Kirk returned to Pennsylvania, where on Oct. 28, 1873, he married his cousin Catherine, daughter of James and Mary (Foster) Kirk. Mr. Kirk died at Watontown March 30, 1890; Mrs. Kirk also died at Watontown, where they are buried. They were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Frank E. Kirk received his education in the schools of Charlotte, Monroe Co., N. Y., and remained in his native State until 1884, in which year he settled in Watontown, Northumberland Co., Pa. He engaged in the hardware business, which he continued for three years. In 1887 he became a director of the Watontown National Bank, in 1900 was elected teller of that institution, and since June 15, 1909, has been president of the bank, succeeding Mr. Dentler, who died May 30, 1909, after a brief service in that position, in which he had succeeded Thompson Bower. He is also the head of the Watontown Brick, Clay & Produce Company of Watontown, manufacturers of fire brick and all other kinds of brick, who give employment to about sixty men. Their plant was erected in 1907 and is equipped with all the most modern machinery. This is one of the most important establishments in the place and a leading factor in its industrial welfare.

On Nov. 11, 1896, Mr. Kirk married Mary L. Frymeyer, daughter of Potter and Ann (Wolfe)

Frymeyer, and to them has been born one daughter, Margaret. The Kirk family are Presbyterians, and Mr. Kirk holds membership in the Watontown Church. He is a member of Watontown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M.

MENGES. The Menges family has a large representation in Northumberland county, whither Peter, the pioneer of the family in this region, came at an early day, settling in that part of what was then Turbut township now known as Lewis township. The tract upon which he settled remains in the family name to this day, being now owned by his grandson, N. Jacob Menges.

In the Pennsylvania Archives (2d Series, Vol. XVII) there are five records of emigrations of persons of the name of Menges, viz.: (1) Conrad and John George Menges, the first of the name to arrive in this country, came from Rotterdam in the ship "Albany," Robert Brown, master; qualifying Sept. 2, 1749. (2) Wilhelm Menges (so spelled) came in the "Dragon," Daniel Nicholas, master; qualified Oct. 17, 1749. (3) Peter, J. Conrad, Hans Peter, Adam and John George Menges came in the brigantine "Sarah and Mary," Thomas Broderick, master, from Amsterdam; qualified Oct. 26, 1754. These five were probably brothers or near relatives, and are likely the ancestors of the Menges in York county, Pa., as indicated in the similarity of the names prevailing in the family until the last generation, when the old family names were dropped. (4) Heinrich Menges came in the ship "Chance," Charles Smith, captain, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, and qualified Nov. 1, 1763. (5) John George Menges came in the "Brittania," Thomas Arnot, captain, from Rotterdam, and qualified Sept. 26, 1764.

The will of one Conrad Menges, of Turbut township, Northumberland county, on record at Sunbury, was made July 27, 1813, and probated Aug. 17, 1813. The name is signed in German. His son Peter and son-in-law Simon Sim, of Turbut township, were executors. He came hither from Northampton county, where his name appears on the tax lists. The property was divided share and share alike among all his children, namely: Conrad, Margaret, Peter, Jacob, Christian (son), Mary, Elizabeth, John, Solomon, and Catharine, the last named (who was one of the older members of the family) having died in 1813 and left eight children, who received her portion, each getting \$133.33.

Conrad Menges, of Northampton county, was a soldier of the Revolution, in the 1st Company, 2d Pennsylvania Battalion, Col. Arthur St. Clair.

Peter Menges, previously referred to as the founder of the family in Northumberland county, was born in 1771, probably in Germany, and was in Berks county for some time before settling in Northumberland county, about the time of the American Revolution. It is said that

a brother of this Peter Menges settled in Lycoming county, Pa., in the vicinity of Muncy. He was a farmer, and owned a large acreage. Paradise Valley, two and one half miles long and about one mile wide, embraces four thousand acres of very fine agricultural land, originally taken up by Hunter and Patterson, pioneers of Turbut township. Part of this valley is now embraced in Lewis township. The descendants of Peter Menges still retain possession of his lands, about one thousand acres, being clustered in what is known locally as "Menges Valley," which forms the western portion of the fertile and beautiful Paradise Valley. This pioneer died Jan. 6, 1841, aged seventy years, and his wife, Anna Elizabeth (Bausch), died Dec. 29, 1842, aged sixty-one years, seven months. They are buried at Turbutville. Their family consisted of three sons and two daughters, all now deceased, namely: Samuel; Jacob; Peter; Catharine, who married Gideon Beaver; and Elizabeth, who married Hiram D. Dreisbach.

Samuel Menges, son of Peter, was born in Northumberland county June 6, 1800, and died Aug. 12, 1888; he is buried in the cemetery at Turbutville. In every respect Samuel Menges was one of the foremost citizens of Turbut township in his day. As a farmer he met with remarkable prosperity, being ranked among the most substantial men of his time, for he acquired possession of eleven farms, giving each of his seven sons a large tract. He was the money lender of his district, possessed unusual foresight and business ability, and showed excellent judgment in all his investments. He was a Democrat in politics, and served as supervisor of the township. In religious connection he and his family were Lutherans, and he was influential and active in the church as in all other things, serving as deacon, elder, trustee and treasurer. All his ten children were born to his first marriage, with Catharine (Rovenold), daughter of John Rovenold, of Lewis township, she dying March 21, 1861, aged fifty-eight years, seven months, three days. His second marriage was to Lucinda Berkestock, of Turbut township. We have the following record of his family: (1) Benjamin, who lived in Lewis township, is mentioned in full below. (2) William lived in Lewis township and died Jan. 1, 1905, aged eighty-one years, ten months, eight days. His wife, Sarah (Carl), died March 30, 1885, aged sixty years, eleven months, twenty-nine days. They had two children, one of whom is deceased, the survivor being Simon Peter Menges, of Turbutville. Susan A. Keller, wife of Simon P. Menges, died June 26, 1893, aged thirty-four years, eighteen days. (3) Isaac, born Dec. 24, 1824, lived in Lewis township, and died June 23, 1907. He married Mary (Polly) Smith, born Feb. 6, 1817, died Feb. 23, 1890, and they had a

family of five children: Samuel, John (deceased), Michael (deceased), Catharine (married Levi Stahl) and Mary (married Ed. Stahl). Of this family, Samuel lived on one of the Menges homesteads for over thirty years, engaged in farming, and since 1907 he has been located on his present farm of eighty-five acres in Montour county. He married Elizabeth Helwig, and their children are Fannie, Isaac, Paul, George and Anna. Paul Menges, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Helwig) Menges, was born Jan. 20, 1880, on the homestead his father occupied in Lewis township, received his early education in the local schools, graduated from the Turbutville high school in 1897, and later attended the Keystone State Normal school at Kutztown, after which he taught for two terms in Lewis township. On March 4, 1905, he married Lizzie Troxell, daughter of George and Elmira (Levan) Troxell, of Turbutville. (4) John, who lived in Lewis township before his retirement, is mentioned fully below. (5) Daniel, also a resident of Lewis township, died Jan. 14, 1886, aged fifty-four years, two months, fourteen days. He married Sarah Bender, who died Oct. 29, 1866, aged twenty-seven years, nine months, twenty-nine days, the mother of two daughters, Annie and Emma J., and a son that died in infancy. (6) Peter R. is mentioned fully below. (7) Jacob settled in Seneca county, N. Y., where he obtained part of his father's farm, the whole tract comprising 244 acres; his sister Susan acquired the other part. Jacob Menges married Lucy Ann Ernst, and their family consists of two sons and four daughters, Clymer, William, Flora, Mary, Annie and Carrie. (8) Mary married Charles Rohn and both are deceased. (9) Susan married George Frankenfield and they settled in New York State. (10) One daughter died in infancy.

The farms of Benjamin, Isaac, John, Daniel and Peter Menges, and of their sister Mrs. Mary Rohn, adjoin, and all were part of the holdings of their father, Samuel, who owned nearly one thousand acres, in what is popularly known as Menges Valley.

Benjamin Menges, son of Samuel, was born March 1, 1822, in Lewis township, on the farm where Levi Stahl now lives. A lifelong farmer, he owned the farm of sixty-seven acres in Lewis township where his son Edward S. Menges now lives, and there built the barn in 1874 and the brick residence in 1876. He died on that farm Feb. 7, 1910, and is buried in the cemetery at Turbutville. Mr. Menges served as supervisor of his township, was identified with the Democratic party in politics, and originally belonged to the Lutheran Church, later joining the Reformed denomination. He held office in the Lutheran Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Fietta Rohn, was born May 25, 1825, and died Sept. 9, 1893, the mother of eight children, six of whom,

however, died young. The youngest two survive, namely: Henry F. (of Bethlehem, Pa.) and Edward S.

EDWARD S. MENGES, son of Benjamin, was born Feb. 8, 1859, on the farm in Lewis township which he is still cultivating, making his home on that place. He received his education in the schools of Kiefertown, and he was reared to farming. He has been engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account at his present home since the spring of 1888, and has made a success of general farming, having a fertile and valuable tract. As prosperity enabled him he has added to his holdings, being now the owner of 150 acres, and his wife owns 107 acres. He is a worthy representative of the enterprising and industrious family to which he belongs, and is a citizen much respected in his community.

In 1887 Mr. Menges married Ida Ellis, daughter of John D. and Uranah (Litchert) Ellis, of Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., and they have had one daughter, Ella, now the wife of John Plotz, a farmer of Lewis township; Mr. and Mrs. Plotz have one daughter, Grace. Mr. Menges and his family are members of the Reformed Church at Turbutville. In political matters he is a Democrat.

JOHN MENGES, son of Samuel, was born May 24, 1827, on the homestead, and began his education in the local subscription schools, later attending the free schools. He was reared to farm life, continuing to work for his parents for a period of twenty-seven years. When he began farming on his own account it was on one of his father's farms near Paradise Church, and he later obtained this property from his father. It consisted of 106 acres of valuable land, which he continued to cultivate until his retirement in 1894, in which year he moved to Turbutville, his son Thomas Franklin Menges taking charge of the farm, which he rents from his father.

On Jan. 1, 1856, Mr. Menges married Dianah Amelia Frankenfield, daughter of John Frankenfield, of one of the lower Pennsylvania counties, and they have had four children: Daniel, now of Montgomery, Pa., who is engaged in the paper hanging business; John S., who died Jan. 15, 1893, aged thirty-three years, nine months, fifteen days; Susanna, wife of John H. Erdly, of Lewis township; and Thomas Franklin, who farms his father's homestead. Mr. Menges and his family are members of the Reformed Church, in which he is a prominent worker, having served the congregation as elder and treasurer. He was formerly a deacon for six years in the Lutheran Church, refusing to hold office longer. Politically he is a member of the Democratic party.

Henry Erdly, grandfather of John H. Erdly, was a pioneer resident of Liberty township, Tioga Co., Pa., where he followed farming and milling,

building a gristmill on Blockhouse creek which he conducted for a number of years. He died about 1870, at the age of about seventy-two, and is buried at Salem Church in Liberty township. In religion he was a Lutheran. His wife, whose maiden name was Kratzer, died several years before him, and they were the parents of two children, Daniel and Betzy (Mrs. Milton Phelps).

Daniel Erdly, son of Henry, was born in 1820 on the homestead in Liberty township, and died there in 1876. He farmed the old place, which consisted of 140 acres, and was an industrious man and a useful member of the community, holding many offices at Salem Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. He is buried at that Church. In political sentiment he was a Democrat. His wife, Barbara (Fick), daughter of John Fick, also of Liberty township, died in 1903, at the age of sixty-nine years. They had a family of six children: Mary, Mrs. Winton Belford; William, who died when eleven years old; John H.; Oscar, of Tioga county; Frank; and Edith (deceased), who married John Haggerty.

John H. Erdly was born March 28, 1858, on the homestead in Tioga county, where he was reared to farm life. He began farming for himself in Turbut township, Northumberland county, where he remained for two years, at the end of that time going to Milton, where he lived for several years. He then came to his present place of sixty acres in Lewis township, one mile east of Turbutville, having lived there since 1900. In August, 1882, he married Susanna Menges, daughter of John Menges, and they have had five children, Stella M. (who died aged fourteen years), Edith F., Mabel A., Raymond and Charles N. Mr. Erdly and his family are members of the Reformed Church. In politics he is an independent Democrat.

PETER R. MENGES, son of Samuel, was born on the homestead in Lewis township June 30, 1836, was educated in the township schools and trained to farm life. Working for his father until he reached the age of twenty-five years, he then married and began farming for himself on a place adjoining the old homestead, which he purchased from his father, continuing to reside there until 1883, when he purchased a property in Turbutville and engaged in the mercantile business. After conducting same about twelve years he sold out and retired, continuing to live, however, on the same premises. Until October, 1890, he was a director in the Farmers National Bank of Watsonstown, at that time disposing of his stock and on Nov. 1, 1890, organizing the firm of P. R. & R. F. Menges, returning to the general mercantile business. He was one of the organizers of the Turbutville National Bank, and is one of the heavy stockholders of that financial institution. He has his farm rented. On Aug. 11, 1900, fire totally

destroyed the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Menges, who escaped with nothing but the clothes they were wearing. Mr. Menges immediately rebuilt, upon the same foundation, putting up the comfortable home they now occupy. He is a man of broad views, energetic, intelligent and enterprising, and has taken an active part in the lines of interest which engage his attention. He has filled several public positions, having served at least two terms in the borough council, as overseer of the poor many years, and for a few years was postmaster at Turbutville, from 1885 to 1888. In political affiliation he is a Democrat. In religious matters he and his wife unite with the Lutheran Church, of which he has long been considered one of the pillars, having served as deacon, elder, trustee and treasurer, and he was treasurer of the building committee that remodeled the church edifice in 1910.

On Jan. 1, 1861, Mr. Menges married Mary D. Bieber, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Deisher) Bieber, of Rockland township, Berks Co., Pa., who came to Lewis township, Northumberland county, Mr. Bieber purchasing a farm of almost three hundred acres upon which he lived until his death. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bieber, namely: Gideon; Reuben; Samuel; Benneville, of Iowa; Levi and Joel, twins; Amos, of Watson, Pa.; Annie, who never married; Mary D., Mrs. Peter R. Menges; and Sarah, who has never married. Benneville, Amos, Mrs. Menges and Sarah are now the only survivors.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Menges was born one child, that died in infancy.

Jacob Menges, son of Peter and Anna Elizabeth (Bausch) Menges, was born Feb. 15, 1802, and lived to the advanced age of eighty-eight years, dying Aug. 30, 1890. He and his wife Susanna (Rovenolt), who died April 21, 1888, aged seventy-two years, ten months, nineteen days, are buried in the cemetery at Turbutville. He lived on the homestead farm in Lewis township (the tract is now an area of 105 acres), a part of the old Menges holdings, which comprised nearly one thousand acres, and the land is of the best found within the limits of Northumberland county. He was actively engaged in farming on this tract until seventy-five years old, after which he built a house near by his old residence and there lived until two weeks before his death, when he asked to be taken back to the homestead, and there he passed away. He was a carpenter as well as farmer, and handy with all kinds of tools, and in his very last days showed his children and grandchildren how to cut grain with a sickle. The old stone house still standing on his farm is over 125 years old, and was originally used by the pioneer settlers as a fort to protect them from the Indians. The masonry work is very strong, and had an old-

fashioned big chimney, the stone wall of which is 18 inches thick from the foundation to the top. The house was remodeled by Jacob Menges, who made an addition to it. The present barn on the place was built in 1822. Mr. Menges was a Democrat in politics and served as supervisor of his township. He and his wife were members of St. James Lutheran Church, of which he served as deacon and trustee, and as member of the building committee, and when the present church was constructed he furnished all the timber as his contribution toward the work. His family consisted of six children: Elizabeth, who died aged six years; Catharine, who married Henry Shell and (second) George Walter; Stephen Peter, now of Turbutville, to which place he moved in 1911 from Montour county, Pa. (his wife Sarah A., born June 16, 1852, died May 28, 1893); Mary, who married William Ernst and (second) Levi Smith; Reuben, of Pittsburg, Pa.; and N. Jacob.

N. JACOB MENGES was born Oct. 26, 1853, on the original Menges homestead in Lewis township, where he has spent all his life, being now engaged in farming there. He was educated in the public schools of the locality, and worked for his father until twenty-five years old, after which he carried on the farm work on his own account. The place is now known as Hillside Farm. The land is fertile, well located in what is known as Paradise Valley, and is an ideal farm property, which under the management of its present owner is kept in first-class condition, its appearance being excellent evidence of his thrift and care. He is one of the substantial residents of his township, and highly respected.

On Oct. 3, 1880, Mr. Menges married Sevilla Heffelfinger, daughter of John and Mary (Pool) Heffelfinger, who were born in Montgomery county, Pa. Mrs. Menges was born in Reading, Berks county, and came to Northumberland county with her parents when eleven years old. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Menges: Susan, who is the wife of Augustus Reynolds; Francis H., of Lewis township; Hattie R.; Roy J.; Elsie S.; Nora P.; and Paul and Earl, twins, who died when four weeks old. Mr. Menges and his family belong to St. James Lutheran Church at Turbutville, and he has been a trustee of his congregation from 1902 to the present time. Politically he is a Democrat.

ANTHONY E. GAUGER, late of Lewis township, resided upon the fine farm near McEwensville now carried on by his widow and daughter. He was born Sept. 2, 1834, at the family homestead in Limestone township, Mountour Co., Pa., son of Jacob Gouger and grandson of John William Gouger.

John William Gouger, the grandfather, married Margaret Follmer, and they reared a family

of seven sons and two daughters, of whom we have the following record: (1) John William Gouger, the eldest, moved with his brother George to Seneca county, N. Y. Soon John William Gouger moved out to Joliet, Ill., where he and his wife made their permanent home and reared a large family. He settled upon a large plantation, which he improved by arduous labor, and as the Indians were likely to appear at any time in those days he and his neighbors often worked with their rifles at the end of the furrow. The nearest flour mill was sixty miles distant. William Gouger was the first postmaster in the vicinity, and he used a store box supplied with pigeon holes for the few papers and letters which went through the mail at that early day. The postage on a letter was twenty-five cents. (2) George Gouger had at least two sons, Daniel and Lewis, and one daughter, Jane, who married Benjamin Lerch. (3) Nicholas Gouger settled on the old homestead farm near Limestoneville. He married Elizabeth Bower and they reared one son and four daughters, John B. (who married Sarah Billmyer), Margaret (Mrs. Daniel Dildine), Nancy (Mrs. John Dildine), Sallie (Mrs. Heitsman) and Moriah (Mrs. William McKee), all deceased but Nancy, who is now (1910) eighty-seven years old; she lives at Horseheads, N. Y. (4) Jacob Gouger and his family are mentioned below. (5) Benjamin Gouger died unmarried. (6) John Gouger, Sr., married Mary Bower and they raised a family of four children, two sons and two daughters: Elizabeth married Jacob Seidel, of Danville, Pa., and had two sons and two daughters (Lizzie married Frank Smith); Susan married William A. Dean, Esquire, and had one child, Ada McFarland; D. F. married Colonel Dean's daughter Ursula (no family); John W. died when about eighteen years of age. (7) Daniel Gouger married Susan Bower, sister of Elizabeth and Mary Bower, his brothers' wives, and they had a family of eight children, three sons and five daughters: Nicholas, a carpenter, died at Watsontown, Pa. (he reared a family); Jacob, a tailor, of Milton, also reared a family; Frank married a Gudikunst in Virginia; Rebecca married a Mr. Glace in Danville, Pa.; Kate married a Lowry, of Dewart, Pa.; Emma married Joseph Seidel, of Washingtonville, Pa., and has a family; Ann and Alice are at home. (8) The eldest daughter of John William and Margaret (Follmer) Gouger married Henry Follmer. Daniel Follmer and William Follmer, Esq., were her sons. (9) The other daughter, Mrs. William Tobias, also had a family.

Jacob Gouger, son of John William and Margaret (Follmer) Gouger, died at the home of his son Anthony E., near McEwensville. He lived in Montour county, on the farm now owned by his son, John William, his sons conducting the farm, while he followed his trade, that of blacksmith.

After becoming lame in his shoulder he had to abandon his trade, and from that time made his home with his sons. He married Catharine Eschbach, daughter of David Eschbach, and she died when quite a young woman. They were the parents of nine children, two sons and seven daughters: (1) John William Gouger, born March 8, 1827, who lives in the vicinity of Milton, Northumberland county, married Esther Haag, and they have had four sons and four daughters: John A., a lumber manufacturer of Chicago, Ill., had one daughter, now the wife of William Easton; O. J., of Sullivan, Ill., also engaged in the manufacture of lumber, married Minnie Seidel, of Danville, Pa., and had one son and one daughter; W. L., of Danville, Pa., postmaster there, married Isabel Derr, of White Hall (they have no family); E. L., of Mace, Idaho, engaged in mining, married a lady of that place and has one daughter, Esther; Mary C. married Frank Irvin, and died at Williamsport, Pa.; Sarah married Daniel Lerch, of Warrior Run, Pa.; Cora A. married Calvin Derr, of California; Gertie H. married Tice Feinour, and died in 1896, leaving one son, John. (2) Anthony E. is mentioned below. (3) Eliza married Nathaniel Wagner and (second) William Shires, and she had two daughters: Mary died when about eighteen; Kittie married D. W. Smith and reared one son, Harry. Mrs. Shires died in her eighty-seventh year. (4) Barbara married Daniel Karchner and had one daughter, Kate, who married Mr. Emmons. (5) Margaret married Aaron Heckman and had four children, Sallie (wife of Rev. Mr. Bower), Ida, Harry and Luther. (6) Catharine died unmarried. (7) Sarah (deceased) married William Fox and had two children, one son and one daughter. Rosa Fox married Sam. Hagenbuch, of Constantine, Mich.; Clara Fox also married. (8) Martha (Mattie) married William A. Wagner, of Des Moines, Iowa, and has sons Allie (superintendent of the Des Moines railway) and Willie, both of whom are married and have families. (9) Susan (deceased) married A. Miller Waugh, and they raised one daughter and one son, both lawyers of Chicago, Ill., one being the famous Catharine Waugh McCulloch, justice of the peace at Evanston. Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch had a family of four children.

Anthony E. Gauger was a lifelong farmer. He settled in Lewis township, Northumberland county, where he owned a tract of fifty-eight acres, a valuable farm and now under excellent cultivation. There he died April 16, 1901. He was a Republican, served his township three years as school director, and was also interested in the work of the Lutheran church, of which he was a member, and which he served some years in the capacity of elder.

On Feb. 15, 1857, Mr. Gauger married Mary

Elizabeth Klapp, and to them were born three children: (1) Ella D. resides with her mother on the home farm, which they now carry on. She received her early education in the local schools, later attending McEwensville Academy, and has developed considerable ability as an artist, having painted a number of successful portraits and landscapes which evidence her talent in this line. (2) Curtis C., who lives at McEwensville, married Hannah Seibert and has children, George A., William C. and Helen E. (3) William A., who died Sept. 21, 1900, aged thirty-six years, married Nellie Rogers. He left no children.

The Klapp (Klopp or Clapp) family, to which Mrs. Gauger belongs, is one of the oldest and most numerous in Berks county, Pa., and each generation has produced men and women who have lived honorably and usefully in their communities. The Klapp family had its origin near Bingen on the Rhine, Germany, and there in 1906 still stood a castle known as "Schlossklopp."

Peter Klopp (Klop or Klopff) was a Reformed member of the Tulpehocken church in 1735. Later he, with Rev. Peter Miller, Godfried Fidler, Conrad Weiser, and others, joined a church at Ephrata, Lancaster county, Pa., and at the home of Mr. Fidler, who had first taken up land in Tulpehocken township, burned the Psalms, catechisms and other good books. Before the house of the Tulpehocken brethren (German Seventh Day Baptists) was finished, Conrad Weiser, Hans Michael Miller, Peter Klopff, Godfried Fidler and several single men and women went to the settlement at Ephrata. Of these, Weiser, Miller and Klopff later withdrew from the Ephrata settlement, but not so the daughter of Peter Klopff, who remained steadfast. Her monastic name was "Thecla" and is so listed on the roster of the Sisterhood. She died Oct. 6, 1748, probably at Ephrata. Peter Klopff died in 1753.

Of this same family was undoubtedly John Klapp, grandfather of Mrs. Gauger. He was a native of Berks county and came to Northumberland in the early days, farming near Turbutville. He married Elizabeth Kline, and their children were: Thomas, of Muncy, Pa.; Daniel, of Muncy, Pa.; Benneville, who died in Kansas; Adam, who lived at White Deer, Pa.; John; Molly, who married John Raup; Maria, who married John Leinbach; Sarah, who married Philip Raup; and Catharine, Mrs. Hoy (she and her husband went west).

John Klapp, son of John and Elizabeth (Kline) Klapp, was a farmer in Lewis township, Northumberland county, living near Turbutville, and died in 1880, aged sixty-nine years. He married Maria Gläse, who died June 15, 1848, aged thirty-eight years, the mother of the following children: William S., Mary Elizabeth (widow of Anthony E. Gauger), Sarah J., Margaret C., Thomas L.,

Susan E., Angeline, Emeline and Caroline, twins, John D. and Maria (died in infancy).

N. THOMPSON MARSH, a prosperous business man of Milton, Northumberland county, was born in that borough in 1862, youngest of the family of Daniel Griggs Marsh. He is a great-grandson of Isaac Marsh, the founder of the family in this county.

Isaac Marsh, the great-grandfather, was a native of New Jersey, and there married Ellonanna Griggs. He resided in New Jersey until 1807, when he moved to Pennsylvania with a number of his neighbors, settling in Rush township, Northumberland county, where Mr. Marsh bought a farm.

Isaac Marsh, one of the three sons of Isaac and Ellonanna (Griggs) Marsh, was born in New Jersey Jan. 24, 1798, and came to Northumberland county with his parents. In 1841 he moved to Turbut township, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying Jan. 31, 1874. He married, in Rush township, Sarah Gulick, who was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., in 1796, and died in 1867. They are buried in the upper cemetery at Milton. To them were born five children: Minner G., born April 9, 1824, who died in January, 1911; Mary, born in 1825, who married Reuben Klapp; Daniel Griggs, born in 1830; Williamson, born Feb. 12, 1832, who died April 18, 1883; and Ellen, who married Emanuel Haus.

Daniel Griggs Marsh, born in 1830, was reared on a farm and in his young manhood learned harnessmaking. In 1850 he opened a harness store in Milton, on Broadway, where Bound avenue now intersects that thoroughfare, and he continued in that line for twenty years. From that time until his retirement, in 1888, he was in the shoe business, establishing a store which his son still conducts and which is one of the most substantial enterprises in the borough. He was an industrious and intelligent worker, and by close attention made his business prosper, accumulating a competence in its pursuit, and winning for himself a high place in the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

During the Civil war, on July 1, 1863, Mr. Marsh enlisted, as emergency man, for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company I, 37th Regiment. He was discharged Aug. 4, 1863. He was a Whig in his earlier manhood, later becoming a member of the Republican party.

Mr. Marsh married Lydia A. Myerly, who was born Nov. 3, 1833, at Mooresburg, Pa., and was a resident of Milton for fifty-eight years, dying at her home on Broadway, in that borough, Aug. 20, 1909. She was a lifelong member of the M. E. Church and a woman well known and highly esteemed in the community. She was buried in the

Upper cemetery at Milton, where Mr. Marsh, who passed away Aug. 30, 1905, also rests. They were the parents of three children: (1) Russell, now a resident of Watontown, married Martha Bellas, and they have three children, May Bellas (wife of Dr. Charles Cooner, of Picture Rocks, Pa.), Curtis M., a dentist (who lives in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.) and Margarette. (2) Curtis, who married Frances Waugh, now lives in San Diego, Cal. (3) N. Thompson.

N. Thompson Marsh received his education in the public schools of Milton, and was only a boy when he began clerking in his father's shoe store. In 1879, he became a member of the firm, and when his father retired, in 1888, he took charge of the store, which he has since carried on. That the business has continued to expand under his able management is best shown in the fact that it has twice outgrown its quarters. In 1908 Mr. Marsh refitted the large and handsome store room which he now occupies, one of the finest in the borough, commodious and convenient, and well adapted to the needs of his extensive trade. He has been untiring in his efforts to keep his business and the store itself up-to-date in every respect, and his standards in dealing with his patrons are as high as his ambitions to have a creditable store and stock—creditible not only to himself but to the community in which it is situated. He is one of the successful men of Milton, and one of the best known, though he has confined his activities strictly to business, having no ambition to enter politics or hold public office.

Socially Mr. Marsh holds membership in the Sons of Veterans, Royal Arcanum, Loyal Addition and Masonic fraternity, in the latter connection belonging to Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; Warrior Run Chapter, No. 146, R. A. M., of Watontown; Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., of Sunbury; Williamsport Consistory, A. A. R. S., thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre.

On July 3, 1900, Mr. Marsh married Mary Topley, of Philadelphia, Pa., and they have had two children, Elizabeth Ann and Thompson, the latter deceased. Mr. Marsh and his family attend the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

EDWARD D. FISHER, who has been engaged in business at Watontown since 1892, was born June 16, 1869, at Milton, Northumberland county, son of William Augustus Fisher. The family has been settled in America since the middle of the eighteenth century, having been founded here by one Joseph Fisher.

Joseph Fisher was born in Saxony in April, 1734. At the age of thirteen years, it is said, he was apprenticed to learn a trade, and according to the custom of the times went to live in his

master's family. This family emigrating to America in 1747, Joseph and his sister Elizabeth accompanied them, and they settled in New Jersey, where the sister died shortly afterward. Joseph Fisher remained in West Jersey and completed his apprenticeship, and on June 5, 1764, he married Catharine Minegar, who was born in Holland Aug. 24, 1746. After their marriage the young couple located in what is now Warren county, N. J., and during the Revolutionary war he enlisted in the service of his adopted country, from Morris county, that State. The Fisher home was in the midst of the scene of hostilities and was destroyed, the lands being laid waste by the armies, and after the close of the conflict Mr. Fisher determined to try his fortune in a new field. Accordingly he moved with his family to Northumberland county, Pa., in 1788, on April 7th of which year he purchased from Samuel Reeder a tract of 100 acres along the Little Roaring creek. Mrs. Fisher died in 1809, and was interred in the old burial ground attached to the Lutheran Church at Catawissa, Pa. Mr. Fisher died Dec. 29, 1819, after a short illness, and was buried Jan. 1, 1820, beside his wife at Catawissa. They were the parents of the following children: Catharine, born June 29, 1765, married Nicholas Shipman; Henry, born July 23, 1767, married Magdalene Farley; Mary, born Dec. 18, 1769, married Samuel Mutchler; Hannah, born Jan. 27, 1772, married Caleb Farley; Elizabeth, born July 21, 1774, married John Reeder; John, born June 19, 1776, is mentioned below; Moses, born Sept. 23, 1778, married Elizabeth Bear; David was born March 6, 1781; Jacob, born Dec. 18, 1783, married Margaret Kimbpel; Joseph, born May 20, 1786, married Mary Kimbpel.

John Fisher, son of Joseph, was born June 19, 1776, in Sussex county, N. J. His wife, Elizabeth (Mauser), was born in 1775 in Bucks county, Pa., and died in 1844 in Noble township, Branch Co., Mich. They had a family of four children: John married Lydia Lazarus; Catharine, born June 13, 1801, married Thomas Shane; William was born Oct. 19, 1806; Elizabeth, born Sept. 19, 1809, married John Ritter.

William Fisher, son of John, was married Dec. 25, 1827, to Eleanor Blue, who was born Nov. 22, 1810, in Mahoning township, then in Columbia county, Pa., and died Jan. 28, 1878, in Milton, Pa. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Fisher lived for a time at Danville, Pa., where Mr. Fisher was employed in the store of Peter Baldy, thence removing to Milton and later to Lock Haven, Pa., where they remained for seven years. From there they went to Philadelphia, where they resided for three years, during which time they were burned out in the big fire of 1849, losing everything. Later they returned to Milton, where Mrs. Fisher died in 1878, after which Mr. Fisher made his home with

his daughter Margaret, Mrs. Glover. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were the parents of nine children: B. Frank, born June 15, 1829, died Oct. 12, 1867; Samuel J. was born April 8, 1831; William A., born Oct. 21, 1832, was the father of Edward D. Fisher; John K. B., born Sept. 2, 1834, died April 12, 1848; Mary E. was born Oct. 8, 1836; Charlotte J. was born March 25, 1840; Margaret E., born April 24, 1842, married Thomas Glover; Dudley R., born Jan. 8, 1848, died Sept. 21, 1850; Dudley R. (2), born Sept. 25, 1850, married Sept. 25, 1884, Catharine Ebright. Of this family the eldest son, B. Frank Fisher, was engaged in business at Reading, Pa. On Jan. 28, 1858, he married Mary B. Gift, who died Feb. 24, 1878, and they had these children: William W., born Feb. 13, 1860, of Sunbury, Pa.; Flora E., born Feb. 26, 1863; Harry B., who died in 1865; and B. Frank, born Sept. 16, 1866.

William Augustus Fisher, son of William, was born Oct. 21, 1832, was a well known butcher, which business he followed several years, and was also a stone cutter. On Aug. 14, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Isaiah B. Davis, and was ordered to Virginia, being assigned to the 3d Provisional Brigade, Casey's Division, engaged in the defense of Washington. The command was afterward transferred to the Army of the Potomac, in the 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 5th Army Corps. On Sept. 18, 1862, Mr. Fisher was engaged in the battle of Antietam, was in the Rappahannock campaign, and on Dec. 13, 1862, at Fredericksburg, was severely wounded in the right hip by a shell at the action on Marye's Hill. From April 28 to May 6, 1863, he was in the Chancellorsville campaign, and he was mustered out May 23, 1863. He became a member of G. A. R. Post No. 225, of Watsontown, Pa. Returning to Pennsylvania at the close of his army service Mr. Fisher settled at Milton, whence in 1872 he moved to Watsontown, where he engaged in the restaurant business. He followed this until his death, which occurred in Watsontown Sept. 8, 1885. He is buried at Milton.

On Dec. 5, 1853, Mr. Fisher married Christiana Varts, who was born Nov. 8, 1832, and died Oct. 13, 1902. They had a family of seven children, namely: William C., born Aug. 31, 1854, died May 19, 1855; Clarence A., born June 29, 1857, died Feb. 3, 1859; Fred B., born Nov. 28, 1859, died July 27, 1867; Mary E., born Feb. 28, 1862, died Feb. 27, 1866; Tilly S., born Feb. 23, 1865, died Jan. 15, 1866; Robert D., born Dec. 19, 1866, died Sept. 5, 1868; Edward D., born Jan. 16, 1869, is the only survivor of the family.

Edward D. Fisher received a public school education and learned the trade of saddler, which he followed as a journeyman for about eight years. In 1892 he engaged in business on his own account

as a merchant at Watsontown, dealing in sporting goods and cigars, but making a specialty of the former line, in which he has built up a wide patronage. He gives all his time to business, and is well known and highly respected for his upright methods and ability to hold trade by effective efforts to please.

On Dec. 7, 1892, Mr. Fisher married Fannie M. Miller, daughter of William H. Miller, of Watsontown. They have had two children, Edna M. and Florence E. The family are Lutherans in religious connection. Socially Mr. Fisher holds membership in Watsontown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M., Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M., Williamsport Consistory (thirty-second degree), and in the Royal Arcanum. He votes independently.

GEORGE ROESLER, a retired farmer now making his home at Pottsgrove, Northumberland county, has made his home in this county for over half a century. He is a native of Wittenberg, Germany, born in 1830, son of Wendell and Barbara Roesler.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Roesler came to America with their family in the year 1844. The voyage was tedious, occupying eleven weeks, and soon after landing they settled in Virginia, where Mr. Roesler followed his trade, that of blacksmith, his sons tilling the soil. The mother did not survive many years after the family came to this country, dying in 1855. Their family consisted of four sons and one daughter, namely: George, Wendell, John, Frederick and Kate, all the sons except George living and dying in Virginia. The daughter married a Mr. Frymutte, and her family live in Baltimore, Md. The father, who was born in Wittenberg in 1802, died in 1889, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, in Northumberland county, Pa. His father was of such small stature that he was known as "The Little Man."

George Roesler has led an eventful life. He was in his fifteenth year when he came to America, and he passed the next fifteen years of his life in Virginia, tilling his father's land. In 1860 he moved to Pennsylvania, settling at Milton, Northumberland county, where he worked fifteen years for Mr. Gottlieb Brown, in 1875 purchasing a farm in Chillisquaque township to which he moved. There he followed farming until the year 1890, when he sold his stock and rented the land for two years, in 1892 resuming farming, which he continued until he was seventy-five years old. He has since lived retired, having sold the farm in 1906 and moved to Pottsgrove, where he purchased the home he now occupies. What Mr. Roesler possesses he has acquired by honest, well directed labor, and it was by hard, energetic toil that he rose from a humble German apprentice boy, selling cakes in his native land, to a substantial, prosper-

ous landowner in the New World. He is an honorable, upright, conscientious Christian man, and remembering his own early struggles never turns a worthy person in need from his door without help. He is a devout member of the Lutheran Church at Milton, and although past eighty he has missed only two sessions of the Sunday school in over three years, on both of which occasions illness kept him home. He has to drive four miles to attend church and Sunday school. In politics Mr. Roesler is a Republican, and he served two years as supervisor.

Mr. Roesler married Eliza Feaster, daughter of Henry Feaster, of Virginia; her paternal grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was given a large tract of land in the Shenandoah Valley in recognition of his services. Mrs. Roesler died Feb. 2, 1900, at the age of sixty-seven, and is buried in the upper cemetery at Chillisquaque. Three children were born to this union: (1) Emma, Mrs. Foust, had two children, Elmer C. and Della E., the former of whom, a telegraph operator at Clearfield, Pa., in the employ of the New York Central Railroad Company, married Virginia Beausigneur, and has one child, Jury Foust. They live at Clearfield. (2) Mary died at the age of six years. (3) Ella (deceased) married Jacob Hendrick, and had one child, Luther, who is a telegraph operator for the New York Central Railroad Company at Jersey Shore, Pa. He married Ella Mutchler and they have two children, Roy and Catharine.

IRA T. CLEMENT DISSINGER is the eldest child and only surviving member of the happy union of David Connor and Fannie (Clement) Dissinger. His mother was a daughter of the late Ira T. Clement, the man who accomplished probably more than any other one man for the upbuilding of his community. John Dissinger, his paternal grandfather, was born in Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., and his wife Catherine (whose maiden name was Connor) was born in Ireland. They had a family of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. Of this family David Connor was the youngest.

DAVID CONNOR DISSINGER was born in Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., March 5, 1840, and was only about eleven years old when his mother died. Being one of a large family he had few early advantages, especially for acquiring an education, and after his mother's death he was apprenticed to learn the trade of tailor, at which he spent five years. When sixteen years old he went to Lebanon, where he hired out for four years to the stone cutter's trade. Just before the expiration of this period the Civil war broke out, and he enlisted for a three months' term in the Union service, joining Company E, 14th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. At the end of this time he returned to Schaefferstown,

and with Capt. John S. Long recruited what became Company F, of the 93d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, at Camp Coleman, Lebanon. Of this company Mr. Long was made captain and Mr. Dissinger first lieutenant. Their first fighting experience was at the battle of Williamsburg, Va., where in the absence of the captain the command fell upon Lieutenant Dissinger. Their next engagement was the battle of Fair Oaks, in which Company F in connection with Company A of the 93d and several other companies served as advance picket guards. These companies were surrounded by the enemy on the first day's fight and stood in great danger of being captured, being saved only by the remarkable daring of Lieutenant Dissinger, who in the wild panic that ensued drew his revolver and with wonderful coolness ordered the terror-stricken men into line; losing no time he himself led the flight, and at night arrived safely at the rifle pits with more than a regiment of men. For this gallant and meritorious exploit young Dissinger received the highest encomiums from General Peck. After the seven days' fight that resulted in defeat for the Union forces at Harrison's Landing Mr. Dissinger, contracting typhoid fever, was taken to the hospital at Washington, and three months passing without much progress toward recovery he resigned his position and returned to his home in Lebanon, where he assisted in recruiting a company for the emergency service.

After a year spent in Lebanon in the book and stationery business he went West and was engaged at his trade for about six months in Fort Wayne and Chicago. He was present at the Chicago convention which nominated General McClellan for the Presidency in 1864. Returning to Pennsylvania, he followed his trade for a number of years. On Sept. 24, 1865, he came to Sunbury, opening the first marble business in the town. In April, 1867 or 1868, he formed a partnership with Philip H. Moore in the mercantile business, in which he was later associated with Ira T. Clement, Mr. Clement buying Mr. Moore's interest. In 1871 Mr. Dissinger, in company with Mr. Moore, erected the fine hotel on Third street called the "Clement House," named in honor of Ira T. Clement. In the same year they erected the building at the corner of Market and Third streets known as the Moore & Dissinger block, the finest business block in Sunbury. Mr. Dissinger also put up the row of eight houses known as Dissinger row. A highly successful business man, he was thoroughly admired and trusted by his fellow citizens, and in 1875 he was elected treasurer of Northumberland county by a majority of 857 votes. After his term as county treasurer he was successfully identified with different business and manufacturing projects. In 1881 his name was presented to the State convention held at Williamsport for nomination as



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State treasurer. He received the united support of the interior counties of the State and was only defeated by the balance of power held by Philadelphia and Allegheny counties.

On April 10, 1866, Mr. Dissinger married Fannie Clement, daughter of Ira T. Clement, of Sunbury, and to them were born four sons and one daughter: Ira T. C., Edward W., Lou Irene, Henry Clement and John, Ira T. C. being the only survivor.

David C. Dissinger died April 18, 1882, and his wife Fannie died Aug. 12, 1893.

Ira T. C. Dissinger was born in Sunbury Feb. 7, 1867, and was educated in the public schools, completing his high school course and graduating as valedictorian of his class in 1883. This class was the first class to publicly graduate, thus inaugurating the commencement exercises of the Sunbury high school. Mr. Dissinger has been connected in various capacities with the business interests of the late Ira T. Clement, his maternal grandfather, has served as a member and president of the borough council, was city clerk, and secretary of the Board of Trade. He is at present prothonotary and clerk of the courts of Northumberland county, to which honorable and responsible position he was elected in 1907, and which he has efficiently filled.

As was his father before him, he is a Democrat in political connection. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. Socially affiliated, he is a Mason of the thirty-second degree, an Elk, Moose, Son of Veteran, member of the Ruffed Grouse and Temple Clubs, and one of the famous No. 1 Fire Company.

Mr. Dissinger is devoted in every sense of loyalty to his alma mater, the Sunbury high school. By reason of this, and because of his membership in the first graduating class, he is and has been president of the Alumni Association, numbering well into a thousand members. This position Mr. Dissinger will probably occupy until the time of his death.

On Oct. 8, 1889, Mr. Dissinger married Hattie Cooper, daughter of Thomas G. and Mary Elizabeth (Rohrbach) Cooper. Mrs. Dissinger died July 14, 1899, the mother of four children: David Connor, who died in 1897; Charles Edward; Ira T. Clement, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth. On June 7, 1905, Mr. Dissinger married Mary E. Moore, daughter of P. H. and Catherine (Smith) Moore.

SIMON P. BEAVER, of Milton, who is engaged in the manufacture of cement building blocks, was born in 1857 in Snyder county, Pa., where the Beaver family has long been settled.

George Beaver, his grandfather, lived and died in Snyder county, and was a farmer by occupation. His death occurred in 1860, and he is buried at

Kratzerville. To him and his first wife were born the following children: George, Ellis and Michael, all of whom lived in Snyder county; John, who lived in Northumberland county; Nathan, who went west when a young man; and Matthias, father of Simon P. Beaver. He married (second) Anna Hoffman, and they had one son, Henry J.

Matthias Beaver married Salome Conkel, and they were the parents of eleven children, namely: George, who went west; Absalom, of Snyder county; Daniel, of New Berlin, Pa.; Edwin, who married Elizabeth McCracken, and lives near Milton; John, deceased; Charles, deceased; Emanuel, who died in the army; Catherine, who married Jacob Parks, of Montandon, Pa.; Sarah, who married Jacob Bower; Salome, who married Noah Ulrich; and Simon P. Five of the sons served in the Civil war.

Simon P. Beaver received his education in the public schools of his native county and spent his early life on a farm. When a young man he learned the trade of pumpmaking, which he followed until his removal to Milton, in 1902. In Milton he learned the heating business at Shimers' mills, but he gave up that line for manufacturing in 1907, when he commenced his present business, the making of cement blocks. There is a growing demand for his product, and his enterprise and judicious management have combined to popularize it and to keep the trade alive. He has shown excellent ability in the upbuilding of his establishment, which has been started upon a substantial basis.

On July 4, 1880, Mr. Beaver married Anna Catherine Solomon, daughter of Benjamin F. and Susan (Beaver) Solomon, of New Berlin, Pa., and they have had six children: Maude (who married Elmer Burkey and has one child, Mildred), Mabel (who married Cyrus DeHart and has one child, Harry W.), Cora (at home), Edward, Ernest and Rolliff. Mr. Beaver and his family are members of the United Evangelical church.

ROBENALT or ROVENOLT. This name is found frequently in the upper end of Northumberland county, and as the ancestors of its representatives treated of in this article were from Berks county it is likely they are of the same stock found there under the name of Raubenhold. There are also a number of Raubenholds in Schuylkill county, this State.

Johannes Rabenold (as he spelled the name), grandfather of Lewis F. Robenalt, of Lewis township, Northumberland county, was probably born in Berks county, and coming to Northumberland county settled in Lewis township, where he followed farming. He died April 11, 1843, aged sixty-eight years, ten months, seven days, and his wife, Barbara, died Sept. 21, 1859, aged seventy-six years. They are buried in the old Turbut-

ville graveyard. They had the following children: (1) Michael settled at Five Points, in Lewis township, and followed farming. His children were: John, Thomas, William, Jacob, Mary, Alice and Annie. (2) William, who lived at Muncy Hills, was a laborer; his children were Jacob, Samuel, Elizabeth, Susan and Rachel. (3) John, who lived near Schuyler Station, was a laborer. He had three children: Michael, who became a farmer in Delaware township, this county; John, who was killed while serving in the Civil war; and Mary. (4) Jacob is mentioned below. (5) Susan married Jacob Menges. (6) Catharine married Samuel Menges, brother of Jacob who married her sister Susan.

Jacob Raubenolt, son of Johannes, was born June 12, 1818, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and lived and farmed in Lewis township, dying on his farm there (the place now owned by H. M. Plotts) March 3, 1891, aged seventy-three years, six months. He is buried in the cemetery at Turbutville. He was not only a good farmer, but also a mechanic of ability, in his earlier life following the trade of gunsmith, making guns of excellent design and showing thorough workmanship; like old-fashioned tradesmen generally, he fashioned every part of the gun himself, being able to turn out the complete product with his own hands. His son Lewis had a gun of his father's make which was a fine specimen of his ability and skill, but it was destroyed in the great fire which swept Turbutville Aug. 11, 1900. Mr. Raubenolt was a Democrat in politics and took quite an active part in local affairs, serving as school director and supervisor. With his family he belonged to the Lutheran Church, in which he was much interested, serving as deacon, elder and trustee. His wife, Catharine (Strause), born Jan. 17, 1821, daughter of Lewis Strause, of Strausertown (now Schuyler), Pa., died Aug. 10, 1900. Her father was a blacksmith, and the village of Strausertown was so named in his honor. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Raubenolt: William, who lives in Ohio; Anna, Mrs. John Steigerwald; Lewis F.; Sarah, Mrs. Joseph Robinson; Jacob, of Turbutville; Elizabeth, Mrs. Frank Heffelfinger; Emma, Mrs. William Wolfinger; Samuel, of Ohio; and Susan, Mrs. William Davis.

LEWIS F. ROBENALT, now a retired citizen of Turbutville, was born in Lewis township Feb. 13, 1845, son of Jacob, was educated in the common schools of the locality, and reared to farming. Following farming until 1884, he that year engaged in the mercantile business at Comly, in Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., where he was in business for six years, until his removal to Turbutville in 1890. For the next ten years he conducted a general store there, until completely burned out in 1900, with a loss of three thousand

dollars. In 1901 he purchased a store at Schuyler Station, which he carried on for four years, at the end of that time selling out his stock, good will and fixtures to his son-in-law, Frank Ellis. For the next three years Mr. Robenalt lived on a small farm at Schuyler, in 1908 settling at his present home in Turbutville, where he has since lived in retirement. He is a respected and useful citizen, taking little active interest in public affairs but giving his support to worthy enterprises and his influence to all movements for the benefit of the community.

On June 18, 1868, Mr. Robenalt married Alice Levan, daughter of William and Peggy (Fenstermacher) Levan, of Anthony township, Montour Co., Pa. They have three children: Zella, married to H. M. Plotts, a farmer in Lewis township; William, of Turbutville; and Hattie, married to Frank Ellis. Mr. Robenalt and his family are members of the old Lutheran Church at Turbutville. Politically he is a Democrat.

George Robenolt, founder of another branch of this family in Northumberland county, was the grandfather of Charles F. and Phineas F. Rovenolt. He was born in Berks county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county after his marriage, settling in what is now Lewis township, in the locality known as Menges Valley. He did laboring work. He died before the Civil war, and the place of his burial is uncertain. In religion he was a Lutheran. His wife, Kate (Barber), died soon after the Civil war, at the home of her son Frederick, when eighty-four years old, and is buried at Turbutville. Their children were as follows: Amos lived at "Speck Berg," in Luzerne county, Pa.; John lived near Speck Berg; George lived near Speck Berg; Peter lived in the vicinity of Limestone for a time, later moving out West; Frederick is mentioned below; Adam lived at Danville for many years, later moving to Williamsport, where he died; Daniel lived in Delaware township, this county; Kate married Jonas Patterson and they lived in Danville some years, later moving to Washingtonville, Montour county.

Frederick Rovenolt, son of George, was born in 1815 in Berks county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county before his marriage. For a time he lived in Limestone township, Montour county, thence moving to Watsonstown, where he died in 1898, at the age of eighty-three years. In his active years he followed farming, living in retirement for fifteen years before his death. His wife, Martha (Love), born in 1818, died in 1887. Mr. Rovenolt was a Lutheran, holding membership in Follmer's Church. To him and his wife were born the following children: Catharine died in infancy; Eliza died unmarried (she was an unusually large woman, weighing 280 pounds); Charles F. and Phineas F. are mentioned below; M. Jane

married Thomas Clayton, of Watsonstown; William is a resident of Danville, Pa.; Agnes, who is unmarried, lives at Watsonstown.

CHARLES F. ROVENOLT, farmer and extensive land owner of Lewis township, was born Sept. 7, 1845, in Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., and was educated in the public schools. He was trained to farm work from boyhood, and in the spring of 1867 began that occupation on his own account in Derry township, Montour county, where he continued to farm for five years. Moving thence to Delaware township, Northumberland county, he also farmed there for five years, at the end of which time he settled in Lewis township, where he has since lived. He has occupied his present farm since Oct. 6, 1884, moving thither from near Turbutville, where he had resided for one year. Previous to that he occupied a farm about one mile distant from his present place, selling his farm stock, etc., at public auction at the time of his removal. His home farm consists of 107 acres, and he owns another tract of 115 acres in Lewis township, now occupied and worked by his son Urban—both fertile and valuable tracts. He also has a piece of property in Turbutville. He has invested in two lots in Oklahoma City, Okla., where his son-in-law, Charles Cleman, lives, engaged in farming. Mr. Rovenolt has long been identified with the administration of local public affairs, having held the office of auditor longer than any other man in his township, and he has also served as tax collector. He was in public office for eighteen years altogether. Politically he is a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, belonging to the Turbutville Church, which he has served six years as deacon. He is a substantial and widely known resident of his locality, and is everywhere regarded with respect by those who know him.

Mr. Rovenolt married Clara C. Seidel, who was born in 1848, daughter of William Seidel, of Derry township, and fourteen children have been born to them: William A. died in infancy; Lizzie A. married Alfred Snyder; Mattie L. married Franklin Menges; Mazie A. married E. B. Schuyler; Virgie D. married N. I. Smith; Urban is a farmer in Lewis township; Seidel C. is mentioned below; Franklin E. lives in Lewis township, this county; Corvie Belton, born in 1881, died in 1903; Avis L. married Charles Cleman, of Exchange, Pa.; Melva married John Moser; Ralph lives at home; Arabella and Edna are unmarried and living at home.

Seidel C. Rovenolt, of Turbutville, son of Charles F., was born Nov. 7, 1876, was reared on the farm, and worked for his father until April 1, 1903, since when he has been carrier on the Rural Free Delivery Route No. 2, from Turbutville, covering twenty-three and a half miles per day. On March 2, 1904, he married Amy Lerch, daughter of Samuel Lerch, of Lewis township, and they have three children, Milford, Margaret and

Charles S., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Rovenolt are members of the German Reformed Church.

PHINEAS F. ROBENOLT, another son of Frederick, a retired farmer now living at Turbutville, was born Dec. 27, 1847, in Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., and was educated in the public schools of that township. He was reared upon the farm, and in the spring of 1871 commenced farming for himself in Derry township, Montour county, where he continued to reside for a number of years, about 1880 removing to Lewis township, Northumberland county. Here he bought a four-acre lot with a house near Turbutville, and made his home there for three years, next moving to one of the Montgomery farms, upon which he lived for five years. His next move was to the Joshua Bowman farm, which he cultivated on shares for ten years, in 1898 buying his present property in Lewis township, 150 acres of the best land in Paradise Valley, all limestone soil. There he lived and farmed until 1903, after which he retired but continued to make his home on the farm until the spring of 1910, when he moved with his family to Turbutville. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church. In political matters he is a Democrat.

In 1869 Mr. Robenolt married Catharine Stamm, daughter of Daniel and Anna C. (Diefenbach) Stamm, who lived in Montour county, Mr. Stamm dying in Derry township; Mrs. Robenolt's grandparents were Daniel and Catharine (Barnhardt) Stamm. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robenolt: Calvin A., who farms his father's homestead, married Emma Trick and their children are Domer P., Elwood C., Guy F., Alberta C., Helena A. and Martha I.; Cora I. married Frank Murray and they live in Lewis township on a farm adjoining the Robenolt place (their children are Katie A., Willard F., Carol E. and Hunter L.).

VALENTINE S. TRUCKENMILLER, merchant miller of Delaware township, Northumberland county, is a native of the district in which he lives, born Aug. 23, 1843. His ancestors have lived there for several generations, and we give the family record from the time it was founded in this country. The family has become numerous in eastern and central Pennsylvania, and the name is often found corrupted into Druckenmiller, the Berks county branch spelling it so. The ancestor of the Northumberland family, Sebastian Truckenmiller, spelled it with a "T," however, and that seems to be the correct form.

Sebastian Truckenmiller came to America on the pink "John and William," of Sunderland, Constable Tymperton, master, from Rotterdam, which qualified at Philadelphia Oct. 17, 1732. On the original list of passengers (Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XVII, Second Series, pages 72-73)

his name is given as Sebastian and Bastian, and his wife's name as Catarina. In a secluded spot, in a field on the farm of the late Jacob Nuss, at Koch's schoolhouse, in Upper Milford township, Lehigh Co., Pa., lie the remains of this pioneer and Revolutionary war soldier and his wife. He is called "Captain" Truckenmiller. For the benefit of their many descendants a verbatim copy of the inscriptions on their tombstones is herewith given:

Hier ruhet
Sebastian Truckenmiller
Geboren den 1 Aug. 1715,
Gestorben den 1st Feb.
1795 Alt. 79 Jahr, 6 m.
Leichten Text Elmaz 26, 19-20.

Hier ruhet
Catharina Truckenmiller,
ein geborene Schmuck-
brucken geboren den 1st Jenner,
1719 gestorben d. 30 Sept.
1793. Alt 74 jahr 9 m.
7 da. Lied—Las die
todten auferstehen den
letzen tage.
Text 2 Tim. 4-7 and 8.

Among the many children of the pioneer were John, Jacob, Christian, George, Charles and Frederick; there were also daughters.

The Federal census of 1790 mentions a number of Truckenmillers. Christian Trickymillar had died by that time, but his family, consisting of his widow and six daughters and three sons who were under sixteen years old, were residents of Northumberland county.

George Truckenmiller, according to the Federal census of 1790, was a resident of Hereford township, Berks county, his family consisting of himself and wife, one son, and one daughter.

Charles Truckenmiller, according to the same authority, was a resident of Hereford township; family consisted of father and mother, three sons over sixteen years of age, four daughters, and one slave.

John Truckenmiller (Jno. Junior) was head of a family of Rockland township, Berks county, consisting of himself and wife, one son above sixteen, and two under sixteen, and three daughters.

(There are sons bearing these three names, George, Charles and John, in Sebastian Truckenmiller's family, but according to one account these three are said to be the sons of Johan Michael Truckenmiller, who emigrated in 1742, coming in the ship "Francis and Elizabeth.")

In 1790 Sebastian Truckenmiller, the emigrant, lived in Upper Milford, Northampton (now Lehigh) Co., Pa., had wife, but no children left at home.

Jacob Truckenmiller the same year lived in that place and had family consisting of himself and wife, two sons over sixteen, one son under sixteen, and two daughters.

There also lived in 1790 in Upper Milford a

George Trockenmiller, family consisting of himself and wife, one son and two daughters.

John Truckenmiller died in the latter part of January, 1799, in Northumberland county, Pa., an account of his estate being filed Feb. 2, 1799. Michael Meiser was named the administrator.

In 1802, among the list of taxables in Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., appeared the names of Valentine and Michael Truckenmiller.

Frederick Truckenmiller moved from Berks county to Penn township, Northumberland (now Snyder) county, at an early period. He died shortly before March 29, 1796, and his last will and testament, on record in Will Book 1, page 86, provides as follows for his "dearly beloved wife" Christina: Ten acres of land on north side of Middle Creek, one hundred pounds of lawful money, choice of one cow, six sheep. The executors were wife Christina, George Motz and Adam Bohlander. The children of Frederick and Christina Truckenmiller were: John Frederick, Peter, Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret, Christina, Catarina, Maghtalena and Barbarah.

Jacob Truckenmiller, evidently son of Sebastian, was born Aug. 29, 1759, in lower Berks county, and came to Northumberland county before the Revolution, settling in Delaware township, where his descendants still live. He was the pioneer of the family in this immediate locality, and being a millwright and miller by calling built the original Truckenmiller mill, selecting the site now owned by his great-grandson, Valentine S. Truckenmiller. He died Aug. 23, 1823, at McEwensville and is buried there, in the old upper cemetery. In religion he was a Lutheran. His account, entered Sept. 9, 1823, in Will Book 2, page 442, mentions sons Jacob, Solomon, George, Samuel, and also Mrs. Mary Truckenmiller, probably his wife. The executors were Solomon Truckenmiller and Henry Reader. The account was filed in the Register's office. As shown by tombstone records, Jacob's wife was named Annamaria, and she was born Jan. 16, 1763, and died July 27, 1843. Their children were: Solomon, mentioned below; Jacob, born March 22, 1790, who died April 15, 1880 (his wife, Sarah, died Oct. 3, 1873, aged seventy-six years, one month, fifteen days); George; and Samuel, born in 1803, who died in 1883 (his wife, Sarah, born in 1805, died in 1895).

Solomon Truckenmiller, son of Jacob, was born June 11, 1785, and lived in Delaware township, Northumberland county, near McEwensville, where he had a farm of 120 acres, this property remaining in the family name until 1903. He died on that place Nov. 7, 1857. Mr. Truckenmiller was a Lutheran in religious faith, a member of the church at McEwensville, which he served in official capacities for many years. He was a tall man, of medium build, and light complexion. His wife, Eve, died Sept. 21, 1864, aged eighty years, seven

months, twenty-seven days. Their children were as follows: Edmund, Charles and Solomon are all mentioned below; Mary (Polly) married John Clapp and they lived in Lewis township, Northumberland county; Susan died Dec. 25, 1895, aged seventy-three years, six months, fifteen days, unmarried; Rebecca died July 7, 1886, aged sixty years, three months, eleven days, unmarried; Sarah married Jonathan Strause and lived in Montour county; Elizabeth married David Dieffenbacher and lived in Delaware township.

Edmund Truckenmiller, born in Delaware township, was a farmer there for many years, at the time of his death owning two farms, one of 145 acres and one of 120 acres. He was enterprising and intelligent in his agricultural work, and was not only admired for his ability but esteemed for the many sterling traits which made his influence strong in the community. He was a Lutheran, active in church work, and helped to build the Union church at McEwensville, donating liberally toward the expenses of its construction. He served as deacon and elder. Mr. Truckenmiller was a resident of McEwensville the last thirty years of his life, dying May 16, 1889, aged seventy-eight years, eleven months, twenty-five days. Few citizens of his locality were more generally missed, and he was held in the greatest respect by all who knew him. Politically he was a Republican. His wife, Mary (Schmeck), whose family came from Berks county, died Oct. 17, 1876, aged sixty-nine years, two months, eighteen days. Eleven children were born to this couple, of whom Eliza died unmarried; Edmund died young; Solomon; Malinda married Ephraim Leinbach; Daniel lives retired at Watsonstown; Rachel died unmarried; Dr. William is at Allenwood, Union Co., Pa.; Calvin is a resident of Centerville, Mich.; Valentine S. lives in Delaware township.

Valentine S. Truckenmiller received his early education in the common schools of his native township, later attending McEwensville Academy and a commercial college at Elmira, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1863. Until 1874 Mr. Truckenmiller followed the business of cattle broker, being thus engaged in Chicago and other western places, and in that year he purchased the old Truckenmiller mill and homestead site in Delaware township, near Watsonstown, where he has since been established. There are thirty-six acres of land attached to the mill property. When he purchased the mill he remodeled it throughout, installing the most modern machinery and bringing the capacity up to one hundred barrels daily, and he commands the principal trade in his line in the upper part of Northumberland county, producing high-grade flour, which he ships all over eastern and central Pennsylvania, the demand being particularly large in the coal regions. The popular brands are Satin, Boss and Queen, and five men

are kept constantly employed. The mill is now conducted by the firm of V. S. Truckenmiller & Son, Mr. Truckenmiller's son Frank E. being in partnership with him. They also deal in grain and mill feed of all kinds. Mr. Truckenmiller has become interested in other business matters in his section, and was one of the organizers of the Farmers National Bank of Watsonstown, of which he has been a director ever since. He has been active in various projects affecting the general welfare and is a leading citizen of his section. He is a member of the Presbyterian church at Watsonstown, and socially belongs to Warrior Run Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M., of Watsonstown, and to Warrior Run Chapter, R. A. M. Politically he is a Republican, and during the Civil war he was in the Union service, enlisting from Watsonstown in 1861 in Company B, 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served nine months.

In 1870 Mr. Truckenmiller married Sarah E. Montgomery, daughter of William and Mary (Caldwell) Montgomery, of McEwensville, and to them were born two children, Frank E. and William S. Mrs. Truckenmiller died Nov. 7, 1890, aged forty-eight years, and is buried at Watsonstown.

Frank E. Truckenmiller, son of Valentine S. Truckenmiller, is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and conducted a drug store at Williamsport, Pa., for five years. He sold out on account of his health, and since 1902 has been associated with his father, being the junior member of the firm of V. S. Truckenmiller & Son. He is a thirty-second degree Mason.

Charles Truckenmiller, son of Solomon, was born Sept. 20, 1813, and lived in Delaware township, where he followed farming. He had an eighty-acre property near McEwensville. His wife, Susanna (Dieffenbacher), born Sept. 20, 1820, died May 2, 1892. Mr. Truckenmiller died Feb. 13, 1893. They had children as follows: Augustus, of Catawissa, Pa., a musician; George, who lives in Dakota; Henry, of Dakota; Elizabeth, married and living in Scranton, Pa.; and Ella, married and living in Dakota. The three who settled in the west have all done well, and all the members of the family are in prosperous circumstances.

Solomon Truckenmiller, son of Solomon, lived near McEwensville, in Delaware township, where he had a small farm and followed agricultural pursuits. He married Eliza Strab, and they had two children: Peter, who died at Milton, Pa.; and Isaac, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Mr. Truckenmiller died Oct. 9, 1896, aged seventy-six years, six months, nineteen days; his wife died Jan. 13, 1892, aged sixty years, eight months, seven days.

Jacob E. Truckenmiller (son of Jacob) of Com-

pany B, 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, died in hospital at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 15, 1862, aged thirty-five years, nine months, twenty-two days.

As previously mentioned, some branches of the family spell the name Druckenmiller. Of these, Michael Druckenmiller, millwright, of Hereford township, Berks county, was said to be a descendant of the Charles Truckenmiller who in 1790 lived in Hereford township. Michael's children were: Daniel, Enos, Clara, Hannah, Lucy and Elizabeth.

Enos Druckenmiller (as he wrote his name), son of Michael, was born Dec. 14, 1821, and died March 29, 1899, at Zieglersville in Upper Milford township, Lehigh Co., Pa., his death being caused by apoplexy. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at that place, and was long an active worker in the church, in all its departments, serving as elder and Sunday school teacher. He was a member of the building committee when the new church was erected. For many years he was director of a singing school. Mr. Druckenmiller was a prosperous farmer and mechanic all his life, owning several farms. He was a Democrat in politics, and served nine years as school director of Hereford township, Berks county. He married Elizabeth N. Desch, daughter of George and Margerite (Marsteller) Desh, and they had a large family, namely: Benneville died of measles and brain fever when twenty-two years old; Rev. Joel settled about 1880 in Michigan, where he serves a charge at Rogers City; Tilghman married Barbara Frey; Elizabeth married Milton Kleinsmith; Henry, now of Atlanta, Ga., married Ellen Wagonhorst; David married Katie Nuss and lives at Sellersville, Pa.; Benjamin D. is a resident of Kutztown, Pa.; Emma died of diphtheria in her ninth year; Mame married William Weiss and (second) Hiram Welker; Susanna married Benjamin Brey; Rosa married Allen W. Sheimer; Sallie married John Sweitzer; George D. is a Lutheran minister; Maggie married William Shubert; Laura married Richard Reese; Annie married Allen Snyder.

Rev. George D. Druckenmiller, son of Enos, graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1894, and then entered Mount Airy Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated three years later. He was ordained at Lancaster June 14, 1897, by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent states, and in July of the same year took charge of the Freeburg parish, in Snyder county, to which he had been called. Three years later he received a call to the Freemansburg charge, in Northampton county, in May, 1900, and there he had a very successful pastorate, during which a house of worship was erected and the membership greatly increased. On Dec. 1, 1905, he accepted an urgent call to Nazareth, where a \$40,000 church was erected during his incumbency and 325 new

members added to the church roll. He resigned to accept a unanimous call to Hamburg, where he took charge of St. John's Lutheran Church Sept. 1, 1910. He has made many friends during his brief service at that church. Mr. Druckenmiller married Ellen J. Lerch, of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE D. HEDENBERG, Milton, a coal merchant, is doing business under the firm name of Hedenberg & Son. This business is of about ten years' standing, during which time it has grown from a small coal yard to one of the largest and best equipped plants in this section.

The Hedenbergs are of Swedish descent, the American branch having come to this country in the early Colonial days and settled in Perth Amboy, N. J., from which point the family became widely scattered.

Charles J. Hedenberg, grandfather of George D., was born in Tennessee, and being of a roving disposition, resided in many parts of the United States. He was active in the Texan Revolution against Mexico, as well as in the Civil war. Shortly before the latter period he came to Pennsylvania, and he died in Danville in 1871. To him and his wife, Mary Ellen, were born the following children: Charles J., James M., Mary Augusta, Frances V. and William J., and one son that died in infancy.

James M. Hedenberg, father of George D., was born in Houston, Texas, Jan. 5, 1847. Coming north with his parents, he resided in Philadelphia, Pa., from which place he enlisted, at the age of sixteen years, in Company G, 192d Regiment, P. V. I. After the war he entered the University of Pennsylvania to study medicine, but on account of ill health gave it up. Later he went into partnership with his father in the drug business in Danville, Pa., continuing there until 1872, when he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. He was stationed first at Williamsport, Pa., being transferred thence to Milton, in 1873, as agent, which position he filled for twenty-five years. He was largely instrumental in the extension of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad branch into the center of the town. In 1898 he was transferred to Philadelphia, and he served there until his resignation in 1902 on account of failing health. He returned to Milton and made his home there until his death, which occurred Aug. 20, 1910.

On June 1, 1870, James M. Hedenberg married Susan R. Hiestand, daughter of John and Susan (Hoover) Hiestand, who, with two children, George D. and Charles L., of Madison, Ga., survived him. He was a member of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., the Scottish Rite Consistory of the Valley of Philadelphia, and of Post No. 2, G. A. R., of Philadelphia.

George D. Hedenberg was born Oct. 15, 1871, at Danville, Pa. He was educated at the Milton public schools and started work in the employ of the United States Express Company, at Milton. Later he became chief clerk in the Milton station of the P. & R. Railroad. In the year 1898 he enlisted in Company C, 12th Regiment, P. V. I. After the close of the Spanish-American war he re-entered the employ of the P. & R. Railroad Company, and was stationed at Port Reading, N. J., being later transferred to Rutherford Transfer, Harrisburg, Pa. In 1903 he came back to Milton, where he has since been engaged in the coal business.

George D. Hedenberg married Nov. 20, 1902, Anna M. Heinen, daughter of Henry J. and Anna (Mann) Heinen, of Milton. They have three children, George D., Elisabeth M. and Juliette L. Socially Mr. Hedenberg is a member of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., the Scottish Rite Consistory of the Valley of Williamsport, S. Hepburn Pollock Camp, No. 121, S. of V., and the B. P. O. Elks Lodge, No. 913.

WILLIAM A. DEAN, late of Watsonstown, had been a resident of that borough only a few years at the time of his recent death, but he was a well known citizen of this part of Northumberland county, where he passed the latter half of his long life. His earlier years were spent in the adjoining section of Montour county, and he came of an old family of this region—upper Northumberland county and the adjacent territory of what is now Montour county. He was active in politics and public affairs for a number of years, and had given honorable service in various positions.

Mr. Dean was born Oct. 27, 1827, near Washingtonville, Columbia (now Montour) Co., Pa. The family is of English origin, and his great-grandfather was one of General Wolfe's aides-de-camp at the battle of Quebec, in 1759. At the close of the French and Indian war he returned to England, where he died. His son, Joseph Dean, grandfather of William A. Dean, was impressed on board an English vessel, and brought from England to America. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and after its close married Esther Florel, and settled in Montour (then Columbia) county, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Dean, son of Joseph and Esther, was born in what is now Montour county in 1786, and died in 1867. He was a farmer by occupation, and proved himself a man of enterprise and intelligence in business matters, accumulating considerable means. He was an influential citizen of his day, serving one term as treasurer of Montour county and ten years as associate judge. He was a strong Democrat in politics, and in religion a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he served many years as elder. Progressive and en-

ergetic, he took a leading part in the affairs of his time. A young man when the war of 1812 broke out, he entered the service and attained the rank of colonel. He was twice married, his first union being with Mary Pollock, daughter of James Pollock, of Anthony township, Lycoming Co., Pa., and she died about 1822, leaving one son, Joseph. Mr. Dean's second marriage was to Adeline C. Cole, of Fishing Creek, Columbia Co., Pa., and member of an old family of that county. She had three brothers and one sister, as follows: Ezekiel, Isaiah, William (who was county commissioner of Columbia county) and Helen (Mrs. Samuel Lowery). Mrs. Adeline C. Dean died in 1858, at the age of fifty-one years. She and her husband are buried in the Derry cemetery adjoining the church of that name in Montour county. To their union were born nine children, the family record being as follows: Joseph married Mary Ann Gehringer, by whom he had two children, Margaret (Mrs. James Pollock) and Wallace (who married Ella Foust), and by his second wife, Margaret (Corneleson), he had five children; William A. is mentioned below; Jane married Russell Sheddson and had one son, Clarence, of Gardner, Kans.; Mary married William Clingan and had children, Charles (of Kansas City, Mo.), Margaret (wife of A. Brown, of Lewisburg, Pa.), Jean (Mrs. Price, of Galesburg, Ill.) and Helen (Mrs. Pennfield, of Connecticut); Ursula is the widow of Daniel Gouger; Alice married F. J. Foster, of Kansas, and had children, Dr. Dean Foster (of Stamford, Conn.), Andrew (an electrician, of Joplin, Mo.), Hugh (an electrician, also of Joplin, Mo.), Lloyd (of Harper county, Kans.) and Peggie (Mrs. Fulton, of Harper county, Kans.); Martha married Capt. Samuel Bryson and had children, James, Dr. Howard, Nellie and Janette; Helen and Susan died young; Oliver H. is a member of the law firm of Warner, Dean & McLeod, of Kansas City, Mo. (Mr. Warner, the senior member, is United States senator from Missouri).

William A. Dean, oldest son of Joseph by his second marriage, was reared and educated in Montour county, where he followed farming and surveying until he purchased a farm in Lewis township, Northumberland county, in 1872, removing thereon. He lived there until 1884, when he gave up arduous labor and settled at Milton, making his home in that borough until 1906, in which year he removed to Watsonstown, at which place he spent his remaining days, in retirement. He lived on Main street, above First. He died June 9, 1910, in his eighty-third year. Though farming was his principal vocation during his more active years, Mr. Dean had other interests of importance and was chosen to a number of public positions, in which his services were highly satisfactory. He served over twenty years as justice of the peace, in Montour and

Northumberland counties; represented the district including Northumberland county in the State Legislature from 1886 to 1888; was school director some years, and for three years secretary of the school board; was deputy sheriff under Robert Montgomery, and upon his death, in 1892, was appointed sheriff to complete the unexpired term. He has always been an enthusiastic Democrat, and has been delegate to a number of county and State conventions. He was a stockholder in the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company and served as member of the examining board. Mr. Dean was made a Mason in Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., in 1850, later transferring his membership to Milton Lodge, No. 256, to which he belonged until his death. He and his family were associated with the Presbyterian church. Although past eighty at the time of his decease, Mr. Dean was active and vigorous for one of his years, possessed a good memory, and was greatly beloved for his kindly spirit and admirable disposition.

On Oct. 3, 1853, Mr. Dean married Susan Gauger, daughter of John and Mary (Billmeyer) Gauger, of Montour county, and she died March 3, 1881. This union was blessed with two daughters: (1) Mary Ada married John Z. McFarland, of Watertown, and they have a family of seven children: Dean, who is a mail carrier on the rural route from Watertown; John Z., who married Maggie McGee, of McGees Mills, Clearfield Co., Pa., where they reside (they have two children); Jessie, who graduated from Bucknell University and is now teaching at Altoona, Pa.; Sarah, a student at Bucknell University; Oliver H.; Francis; and George. (2) Jessie is the wife of George F. Richmond, of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

On Jan. 8, 1884, Mr. Dean married (second) Louisa McCurdy, daughter of Jacob and Ann (Day) McCurdy, of Union county, Pennsylvania.

JOHN W. BARR, of Watertown, Northumberland county, has been connected with the Breon Table Company ever since his arrival at that place, having come there in the spring of 1903 to take charge of the plant, which he purchased four years later. It is one of the important local industries, and Mr. Barr has made a high reputation as a manufacturer and as a business manager during his comparatively brief residence in the borough. He has had a varied business career. Mr. Barr was born March 25, 1872, at Degraff, Logan Co., Ohio, son of Hugh H. Barr and grandson of William Barr. The latter lived in Illinois, where he followed farming, and died about 1880. He is buried in that state. He was of Scotch-Irish extraction and a Presbyterian in religious faith.

Hugh H. Barr was born April 14, 1845, in Ohio, where his parents were then living, and was reared in Logan county, that state. He was only sixteen when the Civil war broke out, and at that age en-

tered the Union service, in which he remained three years, being a member of the 13th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In his young manhood he read law, but the legal profession did not appeal to him and he never completed the course. Immediately after the war he taught school, and through his own efforts has become a man of marked intellectual attainments, reading and study having always been his delight and a source of keen pleasure to him. He has for years been successfully engaged as a general contractor and builder, employing from ten to twenty men, as occasion requires, and has done considerable government work and built many bridges. He has continued to reside at Degraff, Logan Co., Ohio, and has long been an influential citizen of his community, having served a number of years as mayor of his town and several terms as county auditor. A Republican whose activity and influence in the party have made him widely known, he has served as delegate to a number of state conventions and once as a national delegate. Mr. Barr married Mary E. Stilwell, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, where her father, Stephen Stilwell, lived at the time; he subsequently moved to Kentucky, where his death occurred.

John W. Barr received his common school education at Degraff, and took a technical course at Springfield, Ohio, leaving school to engage in the steel business at that place. After two years' experience in that line he went to Baltimore, Md., in the fall of 1889, to take the position of assistant to the manager of the Whitley Harvesting Machine Company, continuing there about four years, until the eastern branch was removed. His next employment was at the photo engraving business in Baltimore, at which he was engaged for one year, at the end of that time selling out and moving to Philadelphia, where he became interested in architectural work. During the several years of his residence in that city he built nearly three thousand houses, doing a very successful business. In 1901 Mr. Barr removed to New York City, where he was engaged as consulting engineer on construction work, and during 1902-03 he built a considerable part of the Coney Island resort. In the spring of 1903 he came to Watertown, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he has ever since resided. He immediately took charge of the works of the Breon Table Company, and after four years as manager of that concern bought it. The business is a large one, the manufacture of dining tables being its special feature, and the product finding a ready market all over the east, the demand being so extensive as to keep seventy men steadily employed. Mr. Barr devotes himself almost exclusively to business, and he has gained high standing in local circles, where the prosperity of his establishment is regarded as an important factor in the industrial situation. He is a Republican in political matters.

Mr. Barr married Virginia M. Cover, daughter of William Cover, of Frederick county, Md., and they have had two children, Virginia H. and John S.

NICELY. There are in the county of Northumberland, Pa., two representatives of this name, William A. Nicely, cashier of the Watontown National Bank, and Edward V. Nicely, register and recorder of the county, worthy and valued citizens of their communities. The Nicelys are an old Lancaster county family. Originally the name was spelled Knisely. One of the ancestors, probably the great-great-great-grandfather of William A. and Edward V., settled near the Dorry station in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1725. He was one of the founders of the Hanover church in Dauphin county, this State.

Prior to the Revolutionary war two brothers, John and Stephen Nicely, left the old home, going together as far as Sunbury, where they separated, John going up the north branch of the Susquehanna river and settling near Shickshinny, Pa., where he reared a family.

Stephen Nicely went up the west branch of the Susquehanna river and settled at Dewart, Pa., where he took up 200 acres of land, which is still owned by his descendants, and remains in the Nicely name. Here he spent his entire life, following the occupation of farming, and here his death occurred. He is buried at the River Church near Dewart. Among his children were: Joseph, John, Mrs. John Staver, Mrs. Freimyer and Mrs. Oyster.

Joseph Nicely, grandfather of William A. and Edward V., was born on the old homestead, Jan. 12, 1807, and upon the death of his father received 100 acres, half of his father's farm, it having been divided between him and his brother John, they in turn paying their sisters their share. Mr. Nicely was a prominent Republican and served his community as associate judge from Aug. 4, 1869, to Nov. 30, 1875. On March 15, 1827, he married Rebecca Fox, born Oct. 13, 1808, and they reared a large family, born as follows: George W., Feb. 22, 1828; Margaret E., Oct. 19, 1829; Mahlon Augustus, Oct. 7, 1831; Joseph and Rebecca (twins), Sept. 30, 1833 (Rebecca married William Taylor); Mary, April 13, 1836 (married William Bryson); William, March 24, 1838; Sarah, July 8, 1840 (married J. Herbert Nye); Charles Stephen, March 31, 1842 (lives in Kansas); John F., Feb. 2, 1845 (lived in Montoursville, Pa.); Alfred S., Feb. 13, 1847 (lives in Ohio); and Oliver P., Dec. 27, 1851 (lives in Williamsport, Pa.). Of these, all grew to maturity but Margaret and William, who died young. Only three now survive: Charles Stephen, Alfred S. and Oliver P. The father died Dec. 11, 1877, and the mother Feb. 22, 1888, and they are buried at the River Church.

Mahlon Augustus Nicely was born Oct. 7, 1831, on the old homestead. He married Susan, daughter of Valentine and Blanche (Scheaffer) Beeber, of Lycoming county, and moved to Lycoming county, where he followed farming. Later he purchased the old homestead and was a prominent dealer in grain at Dewart, Northumberland Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Nicely were the parents of the following children: William Augustus; Ida, wife of Reuben Neyhard, of Elmsport, Pa.; Sara E., wife of J. H. Bailly, of Muncy, Pa.; Edward V.; Carrie M., Mrs. Samuel A. Lowry; Eva, wife of Ambrose Hering, of Williamsport; Luther B., a dentist at Montgomery, who died in 1909; and two sons who died young. Mr. Nicely died in September, 1907, and is buried at Muncy, Pa.; his wife died in June, 1907.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS NICELY was born Dec. 29, 1857, in Delaware township, Northumberland Co., Pa. He attended the public schools of Lycoming county, the Muncy normal and Williamsport Commercial College, from which latter he was graduated in 1876. He then engaged in the grain business with his father, after which he went west, and on his return accepted a position in the Watontown National Bank, at its organization, Aug. 9, 1880. He held this position until 1900, when he was promoted to the position of cashier, which he still retains. He was one of the founders of the Watontown Brick, Clay & Produce Company, and is treasurer of the company.

Mr. Nicely married Rebecca J., daughter of Charles and Rebecca (Corson) Mosley, of Muncy, Pa., and their union has been blessed with three children: Amey R., married to Davis L. Bly; Charles A.; and Mable A. Mr. Nicely is a member of the Watontown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M.; Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246; Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 84, Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and to I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 619, and Encampment No. 294, both of which for many years he has served as treasurer. Mr. Nicely is a member of the Lutheran church at Watontown, Pa. He assisted in the erection of the present edifice, and has been a member of the church council for twenty-six years, much of which time he served as treasurer of the church and for several years as president of the council.

EDWARD V. NICELY, son of Mahlon A., and brother of William A., was born upon the homestead May 17, 1865. He was employed with his father for several years and farmed in Delaware township for fifteen years. In 1906 he was elected register and recorder of Northumberland county, which offices he now holds. He is a Democrat in politics and has served as clerk of the Orphans' court. He is a very popular and well liked man in the county, is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; of Bloomsburg Consistory, 32°; Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at

Wilkes-Barre; I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 619, of Watsonstown; Artisans Order of Mutual Protection, Watsonstown; the B. P. O. E., and the F. O. E. at Milton. Mr. Nicely was married in August, 1890, to I. J. Mentz, and they have one child, Wood M. The family attend the Lutheran church.

WILLIAM H. ECKMAN, a farmer of West Chillisquaque township, is a member of the fourth generation of his family to reside in Northumberland county, where this branch of the Eckmans has been represented since the time of his great-grandfather, Charles Eckman.

Charles Eckman was born in 1779 near Bloomsbury, N. J., married Margaret DeWitt in 1800 and spent the following few years in the home district. In 1807 they came to Pennsylvania, settling in Northumberland county, where Mr. Eckman purchased a farm near Snyderstown. In 1813 he exchanged this tract for another near by, which became the family homestead. There he lived and died, and he and his wife are buried in the old Presbyterian graveyard near Reed's station. They had a family of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, and we have record of the following: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, James, John, Charles (who married Elizabeth J. Kline), Catharine and Naomi; four of this family died young.

Jacob Eckman, son of Charles, was born Sept. 22, 1805, in New Jersey, and was only two years old when his parents removed thence to Northumberland county and settled near Snyderstown. He followed farming and became a well known citizen of his section, and at his death, which occurred April 19, 1876, in Sunbury, was widely mourned. In July, 1826, he married Emma Gulick, who was born Dec. 6, 1802, and died April 8, 1882. We have the following record of their family: William, born Nov. 27, 1826, married Didama Sloan May 10, 1849 (he died Aug. 30, 1850); Matilda, born July 28, 1828, married Lorenzo Mettler May 21, 1861; Peter, born May 10, 1831, married Angeline Shipe; James K., born Dec. 16, 1833, married Mary Ann Kline Jan. 12, 1856; John G., born Oct. 7, 1836, married Margaret Louisa Hile Sept. 25, 1856; Philip H., born March 19, 1839, was fatally wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, near Richmond, Va., May 31, 1862; Charles W., born Dec. 3, 1841, married Alice Clark Aug. 21, 1862; Sarah E., born Sept. 12, 1844, married Emanuel Z. Shipe, Jan. 14, 1869. James and Charles are now residents of Kansas.

The following letter was sent to Jacob Eckman announcing the death of his son Philip:

Headquarters, Company H, 93d Pa. Reg't
Camp Seven Pines, Near Richmond, Va.,
June 3d, 1862.

Dear Friends:—It is a painful task for me to write you the death of your son Philip H. Eckman, who fell on the battlefield on last Saturday, mortally wounded, and died before he was carried from the field. He was

shot through both legs near the groin, by the enemy. He was standing at his post in the front rank when he was shot. He was carried part way from the field by Corporal Weaver and myself, and the other part by Orderly Goodrich and D. R. Eckman, in whose hands he died. He appeared to have no pain, and died without saying a word but "God save me!" It was a long and hard battle; it lasted from 2 o'clock p. m. until dark when we were outnumbered and outflanked by the enemy. We were compelled to leave our dead, among whom were our poor brothers in arms, Philip, Samuel Kertz, A. Reynolds and J. Bear, all of our company. Early on Sunday morning we received reinforcements, and drove the enemy from the field, but poor Philip was robbed of everything he had in his pockets by the Rebels. You can console yourselves by knowing that he was very nicely buried on Monday by Charles Weaver, A. B. Patton, D. R. Eckman, myself, and several others, under a beautiful cedar tree near the road. We made as good a coffin as possible under the circumstances, and buried him with his clothes and blanket around him. He died with a smile on his countenance. The loss in our company is four killed, two missing and seven wounded; the loss of the regiment is about one hundred and thirty killed, wounded and missing. It is impossible for me to give the details of the battle; you will doubtless have the full particulars of it in the papers before you get this. I will have to close for the present. While you in the hour of your bereavement have the sympathy of the entire company, we deeply feel the loss of a friend and a faithful soldier, and one beloved by the whole company. With my kindest regards to all inquiring friends, I close.

Yours truly,

Charles W. Eckman,
2d Lieutenant, Co. H.,
93d Pa. Reg't.

Peter Eckman, son of Jacob, was born May 10, 1831, near Klinesgrove, in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, and there resided until he was about twenty-one years old. He followed farming near Sunbury for a number of years, and moving to the borough about 1883 commenced work in the machine shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, where he was employed for a period of eighteen years, being placed on the retired list May 31, 1901, having reached the age limit. He died July 31, 1906, at his home at the corner of Catawissa avenue and Reagan street. The end came suddenly, without warning, shortly after he arose in the morning, and with the exception of a slight feeling of illness the evening before he had been in his usual health. He was buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. The funeral was held from the Catawissa Avenue M. E. church, of which he had been a faithful member. At the time of his death he was steward of the church, and had previously served as trustee. A lifelong Methodist, he was sincere in his profession, and tried to live so closely to his faith that a friend once told him he was too honest to get rich. He was a good citizen, a good neighbor, a good Christian, beloved throughout a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

On Nov. 23, 1852, Mr. Eckman married Angeline Shipe, who was born in 1832 in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and survives



him, continuing to make her home in Sunbury. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Eckman: William H., Elizabeth (who died in infancy), a son that died in infancy, and Joseph Warren.

Johan Heinrich (or John Henry) Shipe, grandfather of Mrs. Peter Eckman, lived in Berks county, Pa., in his earlier life, later settling in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, where he owned about two hundred acres of land and followed farming. He died upon his farm and is buried at the Blue Church in Shamokin township. His wife was Elizabeth Sherry and they had children as follows: John, Polly (married Valentine Hummel), Henry, Abraham, Jacob, Michael and Elizabeth (married Jacob Persing).

Michael Shipe (son of John Henry) and his wife Judith H. had a large family, namely: William married Elizabeth Keefer, and their children are Charles A., Martin L., Jonathan R., Arthur B. and Bessie E.; Isaac married Elizabeth Berger and their children are Mary A., Clara, Angeline and Tressa; Henry H. (deceased) married Louisa Reeder, and they had four children, James A., Michael W., Emma and Anna; Ira (deceased) married Louisa Clark, and they had Edward, Swartz, Harry M., Thomas and Jane; Moses married Rebecca Clark and had children, Isaac, George and Herbert; Michael married Kate Barnhart and had Walter and Laura; Emanuel Z. married Sarah E. Eckman; Rev. Jonathan R., a Methodist minister, now stationed at Hazleton, Pa., married Mollie Besser; Angeline is the widow of Peter Eckman.

William H. Eckman was born Aug. 7, 1855, in Upper Augusta township, and there attended school, also going to school at Sunbury. He has successfully followed farming, and is now located in West Chillisquaque township. He purchased a piece of property in the borough of Sunbury where he lived for some years, during which time he was connected with the Pomfret Manor Cemetery Company. In June, 1891, he bought the Bieber farm, a beautiful tract of land lying near Pottsgrove, to which he removed with his family in 1893, and this has since been their home. Mr. Eckman has built a handsome and comfortable residence on this property since it came into his possession and has made a model farm of the tract, which is a credit to the community.

On March 1, 1888, Mr. Eckman married Sarah A. Montgomery, daughter of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, and they have had two children: Clara A., born in Sunbury Aug. 14, 1891, and Mae Montgomery, born at Pottsgrove Feb. 9, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Eckman are members of the Presbyterian church. Politically he is a Prohibitionist.

JOSEPH WARREN ECKMAN, the other surviving son of Peter Eckman, was born Feb. 7,

1836, on a farm near Sunbury, where Pomfret Manor cemetery is now located. He was educated in the local public schools, and lived on the farm with his parents until eighteen years of age, when the family moved to Sunbury and he there studied stenography and typewriting when not otherwise engaged, continuing thus until he was twenty-one years old. He then accepted the position of stenographer at the Milton Car Works (Murray, Dougal & Co. Limited), Milton, Pa., Feb. 7, 1887, continuing to hold that position for almost seventeen and a half years, until July 1, 1904. Since that date he has been engaged in the First National Bank of Milton. He became private secretary to Hon. C. H. Dickerman, president of the bank, and on Jan. 1, 1907, was also made a clerk in the bank. On Dec. 5, 1889, Mr. Eckman was married at Sunbury to Lillie Dale Hile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hile, and they made their home at Milton, where Mrs. Eckman died of typhoid fever March 5, 1900. She was the mother of two children: Ira Walter, born Sept. 6, 1892; and Roy Eugene, born Dec. 12, 1897, who died Jan. 8, 1899. On Feb. 7, 1901, Mr. Eckman married Maggie Belle Moyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phaon Moyer, of Unityville, Pa. They have one child, Alice Hanna, born Nov. 1, 1910.

Emanuel Z. Shipe, late of Sunbury, was born June 13, 1844, near Shamokin, this county, and in 1866 began working in the Sunbury shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, where he was employed until obliged to give up active labor because of ill health, about twelve years before his death. At the shops he was held in the highest esteem by his fellow workers, for his sturdy Christian character and manly life. For eighteen years before his death, which occurred early in 1908, he was a sufferer from locomotor ataxia, and during the last six years of his life was unable to walk. In December, 1862, Mr. Shipe joined the Mount Pleasant Methodist church, and after moving to Sunbury became a member of St. John's church, with which he was identified until the organization of the Catawissa Avenue M. E. church. He was a trustee of the latter for many years, and for thirty-eight consecutive years served as class leader. His funeral was held from the Catawissa Avenue church, and he was interred in Pomfret Manor cemetery. On Jan. 14, 1869, Mr. Shipe married Sarah E. Eckman, and to them were born five children, three of whom, with Mrs. Eckman, survived him, namely: Mrs. J. I. Creasy and John E., both of Sunbury; and Eugene A., of Pittsburg. One child died in infancy, and the daughter Minnie died several years before her father. Mrs. Shipe makes her home on Catawissa avenue, Sunbury.

OBERDORF. The Oberdorf family has been identified with that part of Northumberland county now known as Upper Augusta township since the early days, and there was born Peter C. Oberdorf, who now carries on an extensive real estate and insurance business in Sunbury, and is a director of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company. Among the prosperous farmers of that township at the present day is George Forrest Oberdorf, and Elmer E. Oberdorf, now living retired in Sunbury, was also engaged in farming until recently.

The founder of the Oberdorf family in America after emigrating settled in Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., where apparently he died comparatively young, or in middle life. One Catharine Oberdorf, probably his widow, was married (second) to Martin Warfel, of Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa. On April 26, 1796, Martin Warfel and Catharine, his wife, of Augusta township, sold to Peter Oberdorf, Sr., the pioneer of the Northumberland county family, a tract of 306 acres and 72 perches of land then in Augusta (now Upper Augusta) township. Most of this land is still in the family name.

Peter Oberdorf, Jr. (son of the pioneer), made his last will and testament Sept. 17, 1842; sons Peter (3) and George were appointed executors. George Oberdorf willed his estate divided in six equal shares, legatees as follows: Brother Peter, of Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa.; Jacob, of Northumberland county; John, of Berks county; Magdalena, who married Jacob Carl; also of Longswamp township, Berks county; Catharine, who married John Hoffman, and lived in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county; and my mother, Catharine, intermarried with Martin Warfel, in Augusta township. Peter Oberdorf, brother, and George Bright, a trusted friend of Sunbury borough, were the executors. This will was made Jan. 3, 1800, and he died soon afterward.

Peter Oberdorf (evidently the son of the pioneer referred to as Peter, Jr.), the great-grandfather of Peter C., born April 20, 1772, lived in Upper Augusta township, on the farm now owned by his grandson, George Forrest Oberdorf. He was a farmer, and was known in the locality as "Little Peter," to distinguish him from his son, who was known as "Big Peter." He died April 22, 1853, and is buried in the old South cemetery at Sunbury. His wife, Elizabeth, born April 3, 1766, died Dec. 31, 1811. They had children as follows: John settled on the north branch of the Susquehanna river; Joseph lived in New York State; Peter is mentioned below; George lived and died on the old homestead; Elizabeth married Jonathan Stroh; Catharine married Abraham Moore; Margaret married Gilbert Deats; Mrs. Brewer moved with her husband to New York State (they had sons Peter and George W.).

Peter Oberdorf, son of Peter and Elizabeth, was

a native of Upper Augusta township and is buried at the M. E. Church at Klinesgrove. He was a prosperous farmer, owning three valuable tracts, one of 247 acres, his homestead farm of 165 acres, and what was known as the Bakeoven Hill farm, adjoining Pomfret Manor cemetery, which consisted of about two hundred acres, now owned by William H. Druckenmiller. Mr. Oberdorf was not only enterprising and farsighted in business but also intelligent and public-spirited in matters affecting the welfare of the community—a trait none too common in those days. He was one of eight voters in his township to advocate by ballot the establishment of the free school system at a time when free education was a most unpopular and misunderstood cause, his fellow voters on that question being Elijah Kline, Jacob Clark, Col. John Snyder, Samuel Bloom, Samuel Awl and two others whose names have been forgotten. He was a Lutheran member of the Zion Church at Sunbury, and has a monument on the Oberdorf family burial plot, where several generations of the family are interred. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Mary Hauser, who bore him children as follows: Samuel is mentioned below; Martin, mentioned below, settled near the homestead, where he died; Jeremiah, who was a school teacher, died in young manhood; David, who never married, lived and died on the homestead; Mary, born Jan. 1, 1820, died Jan. 31, 1908, unmarried; Eliza, born June 25, 1825, died Feb. 6, 1883, unmarried; Susanna died unmarried.

Samuel Oberdorf was born April 27, 1815, in Upper Augusta township, and died June 10, 1884. He is buried at the M. E. Church at Klinesgrove. He was a lifelong farmer, owning one of his father's three farms, a tract of over 240 acres. A Presbyterian in religious connection, he joined the church at Rushtown in his earlier years, later uniting with the church at Sunbury. He married Rhoda C. Campbell, who was born Jan. 22, 1818, daughter of Christopher Campbell, and died Sept. 12, 1900, in her eighty-third year. Twelve children blessed this union, namely: Oliver P., born June 9, 1839, died while serving in the army; Isaac C., born May 9, 1841, died May 20, 1865, in Upper Augusta township; Mary E., born March 29, 1843, has never married; Peter C., born Dec. 7, 1844, is mentioned below; Victoria Isabelle, born March 13, 1847, died July 21, 1862; Omar, born Jan. 29, 1846, died March 29, 1846; Joseph C., born March 1, 1849, died Jan. 28, 1882, of typhoid fever; Marcy Hamilton, born April 19, 1850, died March 19, 1856; Prof. Charles D. is mentioned below; William R., born April 29, 1853, a merchant of Sunbury, married Olive Wolverton and has two sons, Calvin (who graduated from the Sunbury high school and from Bucknell College, at Lewisburg, and is now a civil engineer; he is a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M.) and

Robert (who graduated from the Sunbury high school with the class of 1911); Susanna E., born Sept. 1, 1854, married E. M. Eckman, of Rush township; Samuel M., born Dec. 25, 1856, is a retired farmer of Riverside, Pennsylvania.

PETER C. OBERDORF was born Dec. 7, 1844, and was reared to farm life, meantime obtaining his early education in the local public schools. Later he attended Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., and then locating at Klinesgrove engaged in the general merchandise business, which he continued for a period of six years. Thence he came to Sunbury, where he formed a partnership with P. H. Moore and D. H. Snyder, under the firm name of D. H. Snyder & Co. They successfully conducted a general store on Market street for nine years, the business being carried on under the original style until clerks bought out the founders and formed a new association, S. H. Snyder & Co. Mr. Oberdorf then entered the brick manufacturing business, which he continued until the silk mill was erected, when he sold his ground to the company. He was in the brick business about eight years in all. He has since been engaged in the real estate and insurance line, in which he has made a notable success. As agent of the Sunbury Mutual Fire Insurance Company he has built up its business from insignificance to profitable proportions, having taken hold of its business when it had less than two hundred thousand dollars worth of insurance in force; it has now considerably over a million. His real estate and insurance transactions have attained large proportions, and he is interested in local finance as a director of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company.

Mr. Oberdorf is well known socially, being a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., and of the Temple Club of Sunbury; of the Americus Club of Sunbury; and of the Rolling Green Country Club. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Sunbury, and served as trustee of the congregation for a number of years. Politically he is a Republican, and he has served as auditor of the town.

CHARLES D. OBERDORF, son of Samuel, was born July 17, 1851. He began teaching at the age of seventeen, on Bald Top, near Danville, afterwards teaching two years near the Odd Fellows Orphanage in Upper Augusta township. For the next two years he was a tutor in the private school of N. Foster Browne, one year at Sunbury, and one in Lewistown, preparing at the same time for college. Entering Princeton University in the fall of 1874, he graduated in 1878; served as principal of the Mount Carmel high school for the next three years, and was then elected supervisory principal of the Sunbury schools, serving as such for twelve years. He was then elected borough superintendent of the Sunbury schools, for two terms of three years each. Since that time, from 1900 to 1911

inclusive, he has been principal of the Mount Carmel high school. On July 15, 1905, Professor Oberdorf married Olive A. Ruch, of Northumberland, and they have one child, Rhoda Jane, born Jan. 16, 1910. He is a member of Masonic Lodge No. 22, of Sunbury.

George Oberdorf, son of Peter, Jr., was born on the homestead in Lower Augusta township, Aug. 19, 1807, and died Feb. 28, 1866. He and his wife Charity are buried at the Klinesgrove M. E. Church. He was educated in the old pay school of his day, and trained from early life to farming, which he began for himself in 1855, purchasing his father's place from the estate. He lived there all his life. The farm then comprised 226 acres. Originally a Democrat, later a Whig, when the war broke out he became a follower of Abraham Lincoln. He helped to establish the first public school in the township, which was built by subscription, and he himself did much of the carpenter work on this school building. He served as overseer of the poor, in short he was an all-round active and useful citizen. In religion a Lutheran, he was a member of St. John's Church, and was in the church council some years. Mr. Oberdorf was married twice, first to Catharine Campbell, daughter of Robert Campbell. She was born Jan. 12, 1812, and died May 30, 1835; she is buried at Klinesgrove. By this union there were two children: Margaret, born Jan. 11, 1834, who died Aug. 15, 1836; and Joseph, born March 8, 1835, who died Aug. 4, 1835. Mr. Oberdorf's second marriage was to Charity Sowders, on Feb. 16, 1837. She died Aug. 5, 1865, aged fifty-five years, eleven months, twenty days, the mother of five children, namely: Harriet, born July 5, 1838, married Oscar Heller, and they lived in Rush township; Mary C., born Sept. 25, 1841, married A. D. Moore and they live at Klinesgrove, Pa.; Peter J., born Nov. 13, 1843, died April 21, 1887, and is buried at Klinesgrove M. E. Church (he married Lydia A. Reed, who died Dec. 8, 1888, aged thirty-nine years, six months, four days, and their son, Frank H., born in 1873, died in 1894); George Forrest was born May 2, 1846; Elizabeth, born April 25, 1848, married Joel Rabuck, and they live in Rush township.

GEORGE FORREST OBERDORF, farmer in Upper Augusta township, at Klinesgrove, was born May 2, 1846, on the farm he now occupies. He was educated in the township public schools and reared as a farmer, beginning farming for himself in the spring of 1887, on the homestead where he has since continued to live. In March, 1887, the homestead farm passed into his possession. It was then a tract of 226 acres, of which he sold off forty-nine acres, subsequently adding thirty-three acres. He and his brother Peter J. at first owned the farm in partnership and built the present house, to which

George F. Oberdorf has since made additions. The old house which Peter Oberdorf built about 1810, on this tract, is still standing and in a good state of preservation. It is a log house, now weather-boarded. In 1856 George Oberdorf, his son, remodeled it, and tore out two big stone chimneys that extended from the first floor up. It is now occupied by George C. Oberdorf, of the fourth generation. In 1899 George F. Oberdorf rebuilt the barn, and in 1909 added a big straw shed. His land is fertile and adapted to general farming as well as fruit growing. He has a peach orchard of 300 trees. Mr. Oberdorf has been active in various interests in his locality and is one of the best known men in the township. He is a Republican and was school director for six years, serving a year as president and the same length of time as treasurer of the board. He is now president of the Augusta Mutual Fire Insurance Company, whose headquarters are in Sunbury, a well conducted company, of which Saul Shipman is secretary and David Cooper treasurer. The board consists of six directors. Mr. Oberdorf is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Snyderstown Lodge, No. 527, of which he is a past grand and at one time was most active in its work. He and his family have worshiped in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Klinesgrove since 1876, and Mr. Oberdorf is one of the pillars of the church, which he has served officially for a number of years.

On Jan. 5, 1876, Mr. Oberdorf married Laura Alice Mettler, daughter of Carter and Mary (Haughawout) Mettler, of Rush township, and they have had a family of five children: Mary, who died in infancy; Harriet M., at home; William R., at home; George C., who married Ruth A. Campbell, and lives in the old homestead residence; and Annie, who died of pneumonia when two and a half years old.

Martin Oberdorf, son of Peter, was born in Upper Augusta township, and was a farmer owning a farm of ninety acres. His death, which occurred in 1871 in Rush township, was the result of a cowardly shooting. He is buried at the Methodist Church at Klinesgrove. However, he was a member of the Reformed Church, as was his wife, Susan (Evert). They had children as follows: Henry M., of Stonington, Pa.; John E., of Sunbury, Pa.; Mary Eliza, who died Nov. 21, 1870, aged twenty-three years, six months, twenty-two days; William, of Iola, Kans.; Peter, who died at Berwick, Pa.; Philip, who died at Berwick; and Elmer E.

ELMER E. OBERDORF was a farmer in Upper Augusta township, on the farm of his grandfather, Peter Oberdorf. He was born Sept. 20, 1861, in Rush township, attended the public schools, and has always lived on the farm. When his father, Martin Oberdorf, was shot he went into the fam-

ily of his grandfather, Peter, when only ten years old, and there lived with them until they died. In the spring of 1907 he obtained the homestead, where he lived until his removal to Sunbury. He cultivated a tract of 185 acres, and conducted his affairs successfully, also taking an active interest in local public affairs. Politically he is a Republican. In the spring of 1911 he came to Sunbury to live, making his home on Catawissa avenue.

On Sept. 30, 1908, Mr. Oberdorf married Edith Shipman, daughter of John H. and Barbara (Snyder) Shipman, and granddaughter of Jacob Shipman, both the Shipmans being from Lower Augusta township, as was also Barbara Snyder, daughter of Col. Thomas Snyder. Mr. Oberdorf is a Lutheran in religious connection, and his wife is a Baptist.

HARRY C. BARNHART, farmer, who has a large property in Point township, Northumberland county, located along the north branch of the Susquehanna river, was born Aug. 9, 1871, in Montour county, Pa., son of Martin Barnhart and grandson of Michael Barnhart.

Michael Barnhart was born in Rush township, Northumberland county, and died at Shamokin Creek, below Sunbury, when sixty-eight years old. He is buried at Snyderstown. He was a farmer by occupation and a Lutheran in religion. His first marriage was to a Miss Keefer, his second to Sarah Elizabeth (Neidig) Fryling, widow of Stophel Fryling. The following named children were born to the first union: John settled in Ohio; David became a resident of Sunbury, Pa.; Benjamin, of Watsonstown, Pa.; George, of Sacramento, Cal.; Martin was the father of Harry C. Barnhart; Mary married Jonas Hollenbach; Hannah married John Bowen; Sophia married Mr. Donavan; Elizabeth married Thomas Rogers.

Martin Barnhart was born Jan. 4, 1823, in Rush township, was a lifelong farmer, and for many years owned and lived on the farm in Point township now occupied by his son Harry C. He died June 3, 1898, and is buried at Northumberland. Like the members of his family generally, he was a Lutheran in religious matters. In 1845 he married Sarah Elizabeth Fryling, who was born in October, 1826, daughter of Stophel and Sarah Elizabeth (Crissinger) Fryling, and granddaughter of Christopher Fryling, who lived along the Shamokin creek in Northumberland county. Though now in her eighty-eighth year, Mrs. Barnhart is well preserved. She is the mother of ten children, born as follows: William, 1846; Mary Alice, 1849 (died in 1855); Anna D., 1852; Hannah J., 1854 (died in 1855); Sarah Elizabeth, 1857; Josephine Lee, 1860; Angeline, 1862; James McClellan, 1865; Emma, 1867; Harry C., 1871.

Harry C. Barnhart was reared to farming, and when twenty-six years old began cultivating his

father's farm in Point township on his own account. This place has remained in the family since the father's death, in 1898, Harry C. Barnhart now owning it, and he has operated it profitably, showing himself equal to the responsibility of so large a tract. The place contains 200 acres, located on the north branch, and its level, fertile fields, of productive river soil, make it most valuable for general farming purposes. It was the old Joseph Bird homestead and has been occupied for several generations. A number of Indian relics have been found on the place.

On May 6, 1908, Mr. Barnhart married Minnie Morgan, daughter of William Morgan, and they have two children, Elizabeth and William. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart are members of the Lutheran Church, and he is a Democrat politically.

MOSER. The Moser family now well known in the northern portion of Northumberland county is descended from Peter Moser, a native of Berks county, Pa., who in 1838 came to Derry township, then in Northumberland county, but now included in Montour county. He had considerable land and was a lifelong farmer, being succeeded on his home place by his son-in-law, Gideon Dietrich. He was an early live stock dealer, and was a prominent and successful man, being able to give a farm to each of his nine children. He is buried at Washingtonville Church, which he helped to build, being one of the foremost members of the Lutheran congregation there; he served many years in the church council. His children were as follows: Jacob, Samuel, John, George, Henry, Fred, Mrs. Samuel Shirey, Sallie (wife of Samuel Snyder), Susan (wife of Gideon Dietrich) and Margaret (married Philip Boyer).

John Moser, son of Peter, was born Jan. 19, 1822, near Amityville, in Berks county, Pa., and was a youth when he moved with his parents to Derry township, in what is now Montour county. He was trained to agricultural work from early life, and inheriting a tract of 264 acres from his father continued to cultivate that place until 1897, when he removed to Turbutville. In 1900 he built the fine home there (the place now owned by his son Henry) where he died Feb. 13, 1909, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He is buried in the Moser family plot in the new cemetery at Turbutville. Mr. Moser was an unusually successful man, and as he dealt in horses and cattle for many years in addition to farming he became widely known throughout this region. Though he suffered a loss of about three thousand dollars in the Turbutville fire of Aug. 11, 1900, the estate which he left at his death was valued at fifteen thousand dollars, and he had distributed a much larger amount among his children during his lifetime. Moreover, his means were all accumulated in honorable business transactions and not by penurious-

ness, for he was very liberal in his charities and in his gifts to religious work, giving with a free hand to his own and to all other churches. In Columbia county he donated seven hundred dollars to the Madison township Lutheran Church. He was the oldest resident of Turbutville at the time of his death, and his funeral was largely attended. In 1907 his sons John Wellington and Henry Moser gave a fine memorial window to the German Evangelical Lutheran Church at Turbutville in his honor. His wife, Margaret (Cromly), daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Evert) Cromly, though now in her eightieth year (she was born Aug. 5, 1831), is well preserved, and still makes her home at Turbutville. Children as follows were born to this honored couple: Henry, Daniel (of Montour county), S. Anna (who died young), J. Wellington, Catharine (married John A. Ellis and died leaving two children, Margaret and Ella), William Hurley and Peter (a farmer of Lewis township).

HENRY MOSER, son of John, is a prominent citizen and farmer of Lewis township, where he owns a fine tract of eighty-four acres near Turbutville. He was born Sept. 24, 1852, near Washingtonville, Montour county, and was educated in the common schools, beginning work meantime with his father, with whom he remained until he reached the age of twenty-four years. He then began operations on his own account in Anthony township, Montour county, where he farmed on shares for seven years, in 1884 coming to his present farm in Lewis township, Northumberland county. It is a fine piece of limestone soil, formerly the old Wykoff homestead, and Mr. Moser has developed its resources to the best advantage, having three lime kilns on the place which are kept going nearly all the year round. He burns from fifty thousand to sixty thousand bushels of lime annually, employing five men in this work alone. An able manager in the conduct of his business affairs, he has reached a substantial place among the well-to-do citizens of his locality, having acquired several properties in Turbutville and holdings of considerable value in various banks. His reliability and acumen in financial matters have been recognized by his fellow townsmen, who elected him to the office of township treasurer for many years, and he has also served as tax collector. He votes independently, being bound by no party ties.

In 1876 Mr. Moser married Anna E. Carey, daughter of James and Rachel (Hindershot) Carey, of White Hall, Montour Co., Pa. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Moser are members of the old Lutheran Church at Turbutville, and he has served as trustee thereof. Socially he holds membership in Warrior Run Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M., of Watsonstown, and in Warrior Run Lodge, No. 645, I. O. O. F., of Turbutville.

JOHN WELLINGTON MOSER, son of John, a highly

esteemed resident of Turbutville, was born Dec. 4, 1857, in Columbia county, Pa., and received his schooling at White Hall. He was reared to farm life, and began farming for himself in the spring of 1889, for the next eighteen years being thus engaged in Limestone township, Montour county. In 1907 he built the home at Turbutville which he has since occupied, renting his farm, though he occasionally works upon it. He is a man of the most honorable standing, widely esteemed.

On March 7, 1889, Mr. Moser married Emma R. Dietrich, daughter of Daniel Dietrich, of No. 1007 Franklin street, Reading, Pa., who died Jan. 10, 1911. They have one son, J. Alvin, born Aug. 26, 1894. The family are members of the Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Moser takes an active interest, being a member of the building committee that has the remodeling of the church in hand at present (1910). Politically he is a Republican.

WILLIAM HURLEY MOSER, son of John, is also a highly respected resident of Turbutville. He was born May 6, 1861, at the homestead in Columbia county. He attended the common schools and assisted with the farm work at home until he was thirty-three years old, after which he undertook the cultivation of the place, which is near White Hall, on his own account. He continued thus for fourteen years, when he sold out his farm stock and moved to the borough of Turbutville. He has a large residence on the main street. Mr. Moser retains the ownership of the homestead farm, a tract of 264 acres, which he rents out.

On Feb. 26, 1895, Mr. Moser married Sue Wolfe, daughter of William and Martha (Wolfe) Wolfe, of Derry township, Montour county, her paternal and maternal grandfathers, George Wolfe and Leonard Wolfe, having been second cousins. Mr. and Mrs. Moser have no children. They are members of the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Republican.

Jacob Moser, son of Peter, was born in Berks county, Pa., and went to Montour county about two years after his father's removal thither. He followed farming, and also conducted a store at Mooresburg for eleven years, after which he retired. He died at Pottsgrove, Northumberland county, at the age of ninety-three years, and is buried in Oak Grove cemetery. His wife, Justine (Boyer), daughter of Jacob Boyer, of Berks county, died at the age of eighty-four years. They had children as follows: Anna, who married Jeremiah Fix; Hettie, who died unmarried; Peter, who died at Pottsgrove in 1911; Catharine, who married Daniel Dietrich; Sarah, who married Samuel Sanders; David, who died in 1861; Mary, who married William Sheets and (second) Eli Bickel; Jacob B.; and John, deceased.

JACOB B. MOSER, now living retired in the borough of Watsontown, Northumberland county,

was born March 28, 1845, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., son of Jacob and Justine (Boyer) Moser, and grandson of Peter Moser. He was educated in the public schools and reared to farming, also assisting his father in the general store at Mooresburg, Montour county. In 1868 he began farming on the homestead in Liberty township, where he lived and farmed on shares for sixteen years, his parents making their home with him. After that he bought a tract of sixty acres in Liberty township, along Mexico Ridge, and a year later bought another sixty acres, adjoining. He continued to cultivate this property for nine years, when he sold it and moved to Limestone township, where he had a 170-acre tract. There he also farmed for nine years, and he still owns the place, which is one of the most valuable farms in that district. He has a tenant on the place now. Mr. Moser also owns another farm, of 118 acres, in Turbut township, Northumberland county. He is now living retired in Watsontown, where he has occupied his fine modern residence since April, 1908. He is a man of substance and sterling worth, and has an honored place in the community. He and his family are members of the new Lutheran Church, and he was deacon and elder of the church at his former home. On political questions he is a Republican.

In 1869 Mr. Moser married Mary Fenstermacher, daughter of Charles and Catharine (Shumaker) Fenstermacher, who lived in Valley township, Montour county, where he had a farm and also followed tanning. To this union have been born the following children: Ella married Allen Watson and they live in Anthony township, Montour county; Warren lives on his father's farm in Turbut township; Laura graduated from the State Normal school at Lock Haven and is engaged in teaching; Charles lives with his parents; Clyde farms his uncle Peter Moser's farm in Liberty township, Montour county; Tina married Cortney Baird and they live in Lock Haven, Pa.; Catharine and Ida are unmarried; Jacob farms a place belonging to his uncle Peter Moser in Liberty township; Mary is unmarried.

WALTER L. WEIDENHAMER, merchant of Watsontown, Northumberland county, belongs to a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania from about the middle of the eighteenth century. The progenitor in America, Johannes Weidenhamer, was a native of Germany, born Nov. 14, 1726. In 1750 he married Margaret Magdalena Eblinger, and they were survived by five sons and four daughters, twenty-seven grandchildren and forty-eight great grandchildren. Johannes Weidenhamer died Aug. 3, 1804, in his seventy-eighth year, his wife, who was born in 1729, dying in April, 1812, when eighty-three years old. The original Weidenhamer homestead was about three quarters of a

mile north of Moselem Springs, in Berks county, Pa., on the Easton road.

John Adam (or Johann) Weidenhamer, one of the sons of Johannes, the emigrant, came with the family from Germany and lived in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, where he followed farming. He married Elizabeth Danker, and to them were born children as follows: Jacob; Benjamin, who moved to Ohio, where he died; George, who died in Maiden-creek township, Berks county; John; Susanna, Mrs. Daniel Kauffman, whose children were Mrs. Charles Hottenstein, Mrs. Peter Dunkle and Mrs. Jacob Hoffman; Maria, Mrs. Daniel Althouse; Sarah, who died unmarried; and Betsy, Mrs. Williams.

Jacob Weidenhamer, grandfather of Walter L. Weidenhamer, and son of John Adam, was born in 1797 in Berks county. He married Susanna Dreibelbis, also a native of Berks county, born Oct. 1, 1805, daughter of Daniel Dreibelbis, of Richmond township, Berks county. In 1837 Mr. and Mrs. Weidenhamer moved to Montour county, this State, settling in Limestone township, where Mr. Weidenhamer bought a valuable farm of about two hundred acres. Here he followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1863, in his sixty-seventh year. He was also interested in the mercantile business at Limestoneville. Politically he was a Democrat, and held various township offices. His wife died in 1887. To them were born children as follows: Wellington D., who lived and died in Limestone (he was a tanner by occupation, and served as justice of the peace); Sarah, who lived and died at Limestoneville; William, who died July 7, 1910; John Adam; Daniel, living at Milton; and Elizabeth E., who first married John Sheep and later Emanuel Mauser, of Liberty township, Montour county (or maybe of Milton), and had three children, Edward Sheep (now living in Michigan) and William and Maude Mauser.

John Adam Weidenhamer, son of Jacob, was born April 5, 1836, in Berks county, Pa., and received a common school education. When fourteen he began clerking in his brother's store, and for some years during his earlier manhood he was engaged in farming in Limestone township, Montour county, whence he came to Dewart, Northumberland county, in 1867, buying C. B. Reifsnnyder's general store. He conducted that business until his removal to Watsonstown in 1882, from which time until about six months before his death, when he retired, he had a general store at that place. He became widely known in that connection and was a respected citizen. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served several years as assessor of Delaware township. He died in 1899 in Sutton, W. Va., where he was visiting his son, Charles D.

On Nov. 1, 1859, Mr. Weidenhamer married Sarah Ann Deitzman, of West Milton, and to them were born three children: Charles D., Horace G.

and Walter L. Mr. Weidenhamer was a member of the Lutheran Church, to which his wife also belonged, and he served as deacon and elder.

Walter L. Weidenhamer was born Sept. 9, 1870, at Dewart, and there began his education in the public schools. He early began to assist his father as clerk in the store, and was thus engaged until 1893, when he opened his present business at Watsonstown, carrying a line of stationery, jewelry, sporting goods, cigars and tobacco, as well as newspapers. He has a well appointed store on Main street, between First and Second, and by enterprising methods has built up a prosperous trade, which has increased steadily.

On April 24, 1895, Mr. Weidenhamer married Eva Rissel, daughter of Peter Rissel (formerly spelled Rishel), a railroader, and they have had two children, Harold R. and Alberta May. Mr. Weidenhamer and his family are members of the Lutheran Church. He is well known fraternally, holding membership in Watsonstown Lodge, No. 619, I. O. O. F.; Council No. 514, Jr. O. U. A. M., at Watsonstown; the A. O. M. P., No. 33; and Milton Lodge, No. 913, B. P. O. Elks, of Milton, this county. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has held local offices at Watsonstown.

EVERITT. The name Everitt was for over forty years closely associated with business interests in Watsonstown, where Enos and Enoch Everitt, twin brothers, were engaged in general merchandising for many years, were foremost in the organization of the Farmers' National Bank, and otherwise filled a useful place in the welfare and advancement of the community. They were born in December, 1829, in Columbia county, Pa., sons of James Everitt. The father was born in Easton, Northampton Co., Pa., where he married a member of a substantial family of that county, a woman of energetic disposition and noble character. They came to Columbia county after several children had been born to them, and there followed farming. Their family was a large one, viz.: Andrew; William; Moses; Enos and Enoch, twins; Hiram, who was the youngest; Elizabeth, Mrs. Long; Sarah, Mrs. John Wells; Martha; Mary, who died out West; Susan, who married; Lucy, Mrs. Finas Young.

ENOS EVERITT spent his early life in his native county. In 1861 he and his twin brother Enoch came to Watsonstown, Northumberland county, and embarked in the mercantile business on a humble scale, in a stone house which stood along the canal. By close application to business and excellent management they prospered, accumulating a comfortable fortune in that line and with the other interests they acquired as the years passed. At one time they had a dry goods business, building a large brick building for their dry goods store at the corner of Main and Third streets, Watsonstown.

During Lincoln's administration they were postmasters at Watsonstown for three years. After giving up the general store and dry goods business Enos Everitt engaged in undertaking, following that line for many years, until he retired, only a few years before his death. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' National Bank, and served as the second president of that institution, being succeeded by William Nicely. For some years during his earlier manhood he was in partnership with the Pardees in the lumber business, near Muncy. He was a large real estate owner, in association with Drs. Hall and Marr owning a number of fine farms in Prince George county, Md. Mr. Everitt was a foremost member of the First Presbyterian Church, was one of the organizers of that congregation, and served as a member of the building committee when the church was erected, soliciting the greater part of the money subscribed toward its cost and himself contributing liberally toward the project. He served as school director in Watsonstown. Mr. Everitt was a Democrat in politics. He died at Watsonstown Dec. 19, 1904, at the age of seventy-five years, a citizen honored in every relation of life, one whose industry brought him prosperity and whose success was shared by all his fellow men, his useful life benefiting all who came in contact with him.

Mr. Everitt's first wife, Catharine Connor, came from Columbia county. She was born in 1832, and died in 1870, the mother of four children: Anna, who has never married; Alice, wife of George Walters; Lillian, who never married; and Grace, wife of Albert Bersinger.

Mr. Everitt married (second) Mary E. Hill, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Achenback) Hill, of Center township, Columbia county, and four children were also born to this union: Forest, who died in 1903, aged twenty-three years; Helen, deceased; Elizabeth B., who is unmarried; and Ralph, who is a college student.

ENOCH EVERITT was so closely associated with his twin brother Enos that their lives were much the same in many respects. They were in business together at Watsonstown for many years, filled the office of postmaster jointly, were associated in the organization of the Farmers' National Bank, of which Enoch Everitt long served as director, and always had interests in common. Like his brother Enoch Everitt was a member of the First Presbyterian church and helped to build its house of worship. He died July 10, 1901. A man of the highest worth and usefulness, he will long be held in loving remembrance by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Everitt by his first marriage had three children: Eva Jane, who married Wilson Remley; Lorenzo, who died Oct. 30, 1897; and a son who died young. In 1868 Mr. Everitt married, for his second wife, Catharine M. Barnfield, and to

them were born two children, Agnes and Sarah H., both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Everitt, who survives her husband, is one of the oldest residents of Watsonstown, where she is comfortably situated. She was born in 1828, but she is nevertheless able to see well without glasses, and reading is her favorite pastime, her keen fondness for good literature affording her many pleasant hours.

Edward Barnfield, father of Mrs. Everitt, was a native of England, whence he came to America before his marriage, which took place at Jersey Shore, Pa., to Mary Elizabeth Nelson. He was a school teacher and possessed of some means. He had a sister, Mrs. Wahl, who also came to America. To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barnfield were born six children, as follows: Sarah (wife of Horace Bliss), William Nelson, Benjamin, John, George and Catharine M. (Mrs. Everitt). By her second marriage the mother had another son, John N. Slonacker.

EDGAR SUMMERS, of Milton, who since September, 1909, has conducted a restaurant at No. 18 South Front street, and formerly conducted the restaurant in that borough now carried on by his brother, is a member of the third generation of his family to reside at that place, and was born there March 9, 1866.

John P. Summers, his grandfather, was born in 1801 in Philadelphia, whence he came to Milton in an early day. He bought a tract of land and followed farming and trucking throughout his active years. He reached an advanced age, dying March 12, 1887, at the age of eighty-five years, seven months, twelve days. His wife, Rachel (Davis), born in 1806, in Philadelphia, died April 11, 1886, and they are buried in the Lower cemetery at Milton. They had children as follows: Sallie married Samuel C. Follmer; Amanda married Spencer Kase; Mary J. married Levi Trukenmiller; Emma married William Schreyer and (second) Nathan Noteston; John A. was the father of Edgar Summers.

John A. Summers, son of John P. Summers, was born Nov. 24, 1839, at Milton, and died there Feb. 24, 1899. He followed the huckster business for many years and later engaged in the restaurant business, in 1875 establishing himself in that line on Front street under the old opera house, where he remained till 1880, and then located at the site of C. Hull Knauer's shoe store. He continued the restaurant business until two years before his death, and naturally was one of the best known citizens of the borough and the surrounding districts. He served six years as constable of Milton, and was a Democrat in political connection. Mr. Summers married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Bastam) Smith, and four children were born to this union: Spencer, who died when three years old; Edgar;

Clarence A., now proprietor of the Summers Cafe in Milton; and Carrie M., who died when twenty-four years old, the wife of Frank A. Young.

Edgar Summers received his education in the common and high schools of Milton and when he commenced work assisted his father, with whom he was in business until the latter's retirement, after which he took the restaurant himself. On Feb. 1, 1896, he bought the old Logan property, at Broadway and Elm streets, Milton, which he improved to suit the needs of his business, and there conducted a cafe until January, 1906, when he sold his interest to his brother, Clarence A. Summers. The latter has since conducted the cafe, and the name of Summers is thoroughly identified with the restaurant business in Milton. As previously mentioned, Edgar Summers has had a restaurant at No. 18 South Front street since September, 1909.

In April, 1889, Mr. Summers married Mary Z. Martin, daughter of David and Delilah (Zellers) Martin, of Lewisburg, Pa. They have a beautiful residence at No. 131 Broadway, which Mr. Summers built in 1905. Fraternally he is a member of Council No. 758, Heptasophs; of Castle No. 265, K. G. E.; and of Lodge No. 9, B. P. O. Elks.

HARRY R. SLIFER has been located at Watson town, Northumberland county, since 1900 as auditor of the S. B. & B. railroad, and he has become a well known citizen of that borough, taking an active part in the local government, in which he has been honored with the highest offices. He was born Feb. 8, 1870, in Union county, Pa., where his grandfather settled in an early day.

The Slifers are of German extraction, but the family has been settled in America for over two hundred years. The first ancestor in America left the Fatherland in 1700 and crossing the Atlantic made a home in Bucks county, Pa., where his son Abraham, the great-great-grandfather of Harry R. Slifer, was born. Abraham also had a son named Abraham, whose children were as follows: David married Sarah Lotcher and had one daughter, Mary; Samuel was the grandfather of Harry R. Slifer; Col. Eli, who became a very prominent man in Pennsylvania, serving in both houses of the State Legislature, as State treasurer and as secretary of the State under Governor Curtin, married Catharine Frick, and they had a large family, John Frick, Samuel H., Catharine (married Andrew B. Dill), Clara (married Robert Green), William H., John, Eli and Anna Frick (married William Walls); Jacob married Mary Carothers and had two children, John and Amanda; Mary married John Adams.

Samuel Slifer, son of Abraham, was born in 1816, in Chester county. His parents, who were of the sect known as German Baptists (commonly

called Dunkards), died when he was a boy. He learned shoemaking, and followed that trade for some time, both before and after his removal to Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa. There he became protector of the Lewisburg bridge, in which position he was retained for about forty years, his son George M. succeeding him in that work in 1894, and serving until the time of his death, July 27, 1910. Thus the place was in the family for over half a century. Mr. Slifer married Eliza Metzgar (whose mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Snyder), and they became the parents of the following children: George M., Charles, Alfred, Jacob, Catharine, Mary and Samuel.

George M. Slifer, son of Samuel, received his education in the public schools of Lewisburg. When a young man he engaged in the iron business, in which he continued for many years, for a period of forty years running the furnaces at Winfield, Union county. In 1894 he moved to Lewisburg, that year succeeding his father as protector of the Lewisburg bridge, in which capacity he served until his death. He became well and favorably known in that place, was a member of the borough council, and a notary public. He attended the Christian church. Mr. Slifer married Anna P. Rodenbaugh, who was born Aug. 5, 1839, daughter of Elder Jacob and Susan Rodenbaugh and granddaughter of Isaac Rodenbaugh, of Berks county, Pa., who was born Oct. 23, 1772, and married Margaret Stillwagon, who was born in Delaware county, Pa., May 19, 1772. Elder Jacob Rodenbaugh was born in Montgomery county Feb. 12, 1812, and for more than fifty years was actively engaged in the ministry of the Christian church. Mr. and Mrs. Slifer had the following children: Frank R., who lives in Milton, Pa.; Harry R.; Jessie M., wife of George S. Blood; and Susan R., who is unmarried.

Harry R. Slifer received his education in the public schools of the home district, supplemented by a course at the Williamsport commercial college, from which he was graduated in 1889. His first employment was with the Reading Railway Company, which he served as operator and agent at different points. In 1900 he accepted his present position, as auditor of the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick railroad, and has since been located at Watson town. Mr. Slifer has taken an intelligent and active interest in borough affairs for several years, serving as councilman three years, was secretary of the council for two years, and in 1909 became president of that body, serving one year. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, his religious affiliations with the Presbyterian church, in which he has been an efficient worker, serving as elder and trustee and as superintendent of the Sunday school since April, 1910. Socially he is a High Mason, belonging to Watson town Lodge, No. 401,

F. & A. M., of which he was Master in 1907; Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M., of which he was High Priest in 1911; Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 83, K. T.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He was one of the organizers and charter members of the Northumberland County Horticultural Association, of which he is the first treasurer. During the Spanish-American war he served in Company F, 12th Regiment, P. V. I.

On Oct. 1, 1902, Mr. Slifer married Jennie S. Montgomery, daughter of Oliver P. and Priscilla (McKinney) Montgomery, and they have two children, Oliver Montgomery and Anna R. Mr. and Mrs. Slifer own the old Montgomery place, a tract of 205 acres in Lewis township, this county.

LERCH. The Lerch family has a number of representatives in the northern section of Northumberland county, where its members have long ranked high as intelligent and progressive citizens, leading useful lives and raising the standards of the community by their example and influence. Daniel Lerch, a farmer of Delaware township, and his brother, the late Samuel P. Lerch, of Lewis township, have long upheld the family reputation for high character and civic usefulness, both having served ably in local offices and otherwise taken a prominent part in the life of their section.

John Lerch, their grandfather, a native of Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., was a prominent farmer of that county, and is buried there. In 1823 he bought a farm in Lewis township, Northumberland county, which his son John farmed on shares until he bought it, in 1832. His children were as follows: John, who settled in New York State; David, who settled in New York State; Daniel, who lives in Berks county, near Hains Church; Elizabeth, who married Morris Evans, of Berks county; Sarah, Mrs. Ludwig; Katie, Mrs. John Leib; Susan, who died unmarried; and Samuel.

Samuel Lerch, son of John, was born in 1806 in Berks county, Pa., and came thence to Northumberland county, settling on the farm of 144 acres in Lewis township where he died Sept. 23, 1873, aged sixty-six years, two months, nineteen days. His death was caused by cancer. He was a lifelong farmer, and prospered in his work. In politics he was a Democrat, and he held the office of school director. His wife, Mary (Raup), who died Nov. 19, 1882, aged seventy-two years, eight months, twenty-seven days, was a daughter of Philip and Catharine (Moll) Raup, the latter of whom died at the age of ninety-six years. To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lerch were born children as follows: John, who is deceased; Katie, deceased; Sarah Jane, deceased; Samuel P., deceased;

Susan, wife of Thomas Klapp; Daniel; Rachel, who died when sixteen years old; Clara, wife of I. D. Gresh; and one that died in infancy.

SAMUEL P. LERCH was born Oct. 23, 1839, on the homestead in Lewis township, and received his education in the local public schools and at McEwensville high school. He was reared to agricultural work, and from the spring of 1868 until his death farmed on his own account, living on the homestead in Lewis township during all that long period but five years, when he farmed on the place in Delaware township now occupied by his brother. The brick residence on the place was built by his father in 1852. Mr. Lerch was not only recognized as a progressive farmer, but as an able man in every respect, highly regarded for his intelligence and good judgment. In fact he was often called the "Lewis township lawyer," because of the frequency with which his advice was sought by his friends and neighbors generally, his counsel being found so valuable that his opinion was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He served twelve years in the office of overseer of the poor, to which he was elected by the Republicans, though he himself was a Democrat in political connection. From 1870 to 1879 he was school director. He was also prominent in church work, worshipping with his family at the Reformed Church, which he served in various official positions, having been deacon, elder and member of the council of Paradise Church for fifteen years.

On Nov. 28, 1867, Mr. Lerch married Margaret Fullmer, daughter of Charles Fullmer, of Paradise Valley, this county, and to them were born children as follows: Rev. Charles D., a minister of the Reformed church, now located at Mount Crawford, Va., taught school in Lewis township for two years, and his first charge was what is known as the Mandales charge at Danville, where he was located for ten years, taking his present charge in October, 1909 (he was married in October, 1909, to Mary James); Samuel E., who is in his father's employ, married Fannie Menges and has children Miriam I. and Lera L.; Mary T. taught select school four summers; Amy F. married Seidel Rovenolt and has children Milford L., Margaret S. and Charles S.; Sallie E. and Maggie I. are twins. Mr. Lerch died, very suddenly, Nov. 9, 1910. His taking away left a vacancy in the business and social circles of the borough which cannot be easily filled.

DANIEL LERCH, of Delaware township, was born Jan. 1, 1848, on his father's homestead in Lewis township, and received his elementary education in the local schools. Later he attended the State Normal school at Millersville for six months, and took a commercial course at the Williamsport Business College, from which he was graduated in 186-. He has followed farming all his life, and in 1874 began farming on his own account

on the place in Delaware township where he has since lived on a 130-acre tract of limestone land, nicely located near the Warrior Run church. Mr. Lerch is a modern agriculturist and has prospered in his work, which he has carried on by the most approved methods, and he has improved his property greatly. He built an addition to the dwelling on the place and remodeled it in 1904. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' National Bank of Watsonstown, which he served as a director for nine years. He has taken considerable interest in public affairs and has served the community in various offices of trust, having been auditor of the township nine years, school director six years and tax collector three years. In political connection he is a Democrat. Few citizens of the township have been more faithful to their duties of citizenship. Mr. Lerch has also been active in church work, as a member of Trinity Reformed church at McEwensville, to which his family also belong. They now hold membership at Turbutville. He has served this congregation as deacon and elder, still filling the latter office, and helped to build the present church edifice, serving as treasurer of the building committee.

On Dec. 23, 1873, Mr. Lerch married Sarah E. Gouger, daughter of J. W. Gouger, of California, and they have had two children, Bertha M. and Donald G.

Donald G. Lerch, M. D., received his literary education in the McEwensville high school and at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating from the latter institution with the class of 1900. He entered Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, as a sophomore, graduated in 1903, and for the next fifteen months was connected with a private surgical hospital in New York State. From there he went to Allegheny, now the north side of Pittsburg, Pa., where he served three years in a local hospital, and he is still serving as a member of its surgical staff by appointment and reappointment. He has proved to be an able general practitioner as well as a skillful surgeon, was police surgeon of the north side of Pittsburg for three years, and has contributed to various medical journals. His activity and usefulness in public work has brought him considerable prominence.

AARON S. ROMIG, who owns and cultivates a fine farm in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, has lived in that section of the county since 1876. He is a native of Union county, this state, born May 8, 1849, in Kelly township, son of Thomas Romig and grandson of Philip Romig.

Philip Romig was born and reared at Alburdis, Lehigh Co., Pa., lived some time in Union county, and died at Allentown, Lehigh county. His children were: Thomas; Mary, Mrs. Stiltz; Charles;

Benjamin; Catharine, who was twice married, her husbands being brothers, named Jacoby; and Susanna, Mrs. Fredericks.

Thomas Romig, son of Philip, was born in Lehigh county, and lived to the age of eighty-nine years, five days, dying in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, at the home of his son, Aaron S. Romig. He is buried at Lewisburg. Mr. Romig learned the trade of tinner, which he followed, and later farmed in Kelly township, Union county, having moved from his native county when sixteen years old. His wife, Mary A. (Weary), was a daughter of Daniel Weary. They had three children, Benjamin, Aaron S. and Augustus W., Aaron S. being the only survivor of the family.

Aaron S. Romig attended school in Kelly township, Union county. He has been engaged in farming throughout his active years, having commenced on his own account in the spring of 1876 in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, on the Cook farm, located along the West branch of the Susquehanna river. After eight years on that place he moved to the Joseph Rissel farm in East Chillisquaque township, where he remained one year, and thence to the Peter Vonadia farm, upon which he lived and worked for eighteen years. At the end of that time he bought and moved to the property where he now resides, the Kinkad farm, a tract of sixty acres in West Chillisquaque township, at East Lewisburg, just below the iron bridge. Here he has since been successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits. The place is a very desirable one, and Mr. Romig has made a number of general improvements during his ownership, besides putting up an addition—30 by 18 feet in dimensions—to the dwelling. Outside of his private affairs he is particularly interested in securing the best educational facilities possible for his neighborhood, and he has served six years as school director of his township. He has also been elected supervisor. He is a useful citizen, and has the esteem of all who know him.

Mr. Romig married Sarah J. Whitmeyer, daughter of Ames Whitmeyer, of Columbia county, Pa., and they have two children: Annie M., the daughter, married John Haas, of Reading, Pa., where they reside, and they have four children, Lester, Raymond, Sarah and Dorothy; Clyde T. married Mabel Smith. In religious matters the family are identified with the Lutheran church.

CHARLES N. MARSH, of Milton, who has carried on the insurance business in that borough of recent years, has been identified with its business life for some time and with its public affairs as borough treasurer, in which office he is now serving his second term. He has also followed surveying throughout his active years and has con-

siderable reputation in that line of work. Mr. Marsh comes of a family of Scotch origin founded in this section of Pennsylvania by his great-grandfather, Isaac Marsh, a native of New Jersey and member of a family long settled in that state. Isaac Marsh was married in New Jersey to Ellonanna Griggs and continued to live there until 1807, when he and several of his neighbors moved to Pennsylvania, settling in Rush township, Northumberland county. There he bought a farm and passed the remainder of his days. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh were the parents of three children: Isaac, Daniel and Griggs, Daniel remaining in Hunterdon county, in New Jersey, and the others coming with their parents to Northumberland county. Isaac and Griggs Marsh both married in Rush township, and in 1841 moved to Turbut township, this county. The descendants of Griggs Marsh are mentioned elsewhere, with the history of the Follmer family.

Isaac Marsh, son of Isaac, was born in New Jersey, and married Sarah Gulick, a native of Northumberland county, Pa., daughter of Charles Gulick. She was of German extraction, her ancestors coming from Gulick, Wurtemberg. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh had the following children: Minner G.; Mary, who was married June 9, 1864, to Reuben Klapp, and died Jan. 26, 1886, leaving no children; Daniel G.; Williamson; and Ellen, who married Emanuel Haus. The mother of this family died May 28, 1867, the father Jan. 31, 1874.

Minner G. Marsh, born in Rush township April 9, 1824, married Margaret Follmer, and they became the parents of two children, Charles N. and Harriet, the latter the widow of Charles Moll (she resides at Pottsgrove, Pa.). Mr. Marsh engaged in farming during his active years, and died Jan. 8, 1911. He was buried at Milton.

Charles N. Marsh was born June 25, 1858, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and received his education in the schools of his native township. He taught school for ten terms, meantime also following farming, and in 1897 he took a position in the First National Bank of Milton, with which he was connected until his resignation, in 1908, when he was elected a director of this bank. During this time he had become interested in the insurance business, to which his attention is now principally given. He has by his success in the management of his own affairs so won the confidence of his fellow citizens that they honored him with election to the office of borough treasurer, which he filled two terms. Before his removal to the borough of Milton, in 1897, Mr. Marsh made his home for sixteen years in Chillisquaque township, upon his own farm, and there he followed surveying, which he still continues. He still owns this farm. In 1890 he was elected a justice of the peace in that district, holding the office until he

resigned on account of changing his home to Milton.

On March 27, 1879, Mr. Marsh married Mary Montgomery, daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Moll) Montgomery, and they have one son, Hugh Montgomery Marsh, who is married to Ada Yost and has two children, Hugh Montgomery, Jr., and Sarah Grace. Mr. Marsh and his family reside at No. 221 Broadway, Milton. They are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is a ruling elder, in which capacity he has served for the last twenty years. In political connection he is a Republican. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and presiding officer of Northumberland and Montour counties; a member of Knights of Malta, and of the Modern Woodmen of America. In April, 1911, when the Horticulture Association of Northumberland county was organized, Mr. Marsh was elected its first president.

WILSON H. REMLY, a resident of the borough of Watsontown, formerly engaged in farming in this portion of Northumberland county, was born Nov. 24, 1854, in Columbia county, Pa., and is a son of Michael Remly and grandson of John Remly.

John Remly came to Columbia county, Pa., from one of the lower counties of the State, and engaged in farming. He married Mary Kelchner, and to them were born the following children: William died out West; Henry died in Columbia county, Pa.; John lives in Columbia county, Pa.; Michael was the father of Wilson H. Remly; Sallie married George Muffley, of Columbia county, Pa.; Julia married a Mr. Bower; Kate married Adam Hill; Amanda married Stephen Hill, a cousin of Adam Hill.

Michael Remly lived in Center township, Columbia county, where he followed farming. He also ran a coal yard at McEwensville, Northumberland county, and he died on his birthday, Jan. 11, 1899, at the age of seventy-two years. He married Mary Hart, who now makes her home at Watsontown. They became the parents of six children, namely: Wilson H.; Margaret, Mrs. Charles Beck, deceased; Sarah, Mrs. Albert Allebach; Grant, of Berwick, Pa.; Oscar, deceased; and Sanderson, deceased.

Wilson H. Remly passed all his early life in his native county, making his home there until his removal to Northumberland county, in 1883. Settling near Turbutville, in Lewis township, he engaged in farming there for two years, and then moved to Warrior Run, in Lewis township, where he remained for eleven years, following farming. Moving across the Susquehanna river into Union county, he farmed there for the next six years, after which he spent two years in Washington, Lycoming county, engaged in agricultural pursuits.

In 1901 Mr. Remly returned to Northumberland county and settled at Watsonstown, where he has since resided, occupying a nice home built by Enoch Everitt, father of Mrs. Remly.

On Jan. 7, 1875, Mr. Remly married Effie J. Everitt, daughter of Enoch and Martha (Vance) Everitt, and they have a family of three children, namely: Martha married Jacob Wertman and resides in Delaware township; they have one son, Stewart. Hurley R. is mentioned below. Pleszie S. married Lloyd Everitt, and they reside with her parents; they have one child, Donald. Mr. and Mrs. Remly are members of the Lutheran Church, in whose welfare he has taken an active interest, having served at one time as deacon.

Hurley R. Remly, only son of Wilson H. and Effie J. (Everitt) Remly, was born July 7, 1879, and received his education in the public schools of Lewis township. He is engaged in farming, cultivating his father's eighty-two-acre property at Springtown, in Delaware township, where he makes his home. He married Letitia Clark, daughter of Jacob and Charlotte (Baker) Clark, and they have had three children: Mildred, Florence and Effie.

CHARLES E. HOY, a merchant of Milton, Northumberland county, is a native of this county, born in that part of Turbut township now included in Milton. The Hoy family is an old one in Pennsylvania, identified with Berks and Schuylkill counties. The first member of the family mentioned in Berks county is one Ulrich Hoy, who paid two pounds tax in 1759. From Berks the Hoys moved to Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, where lived Philip Hoy, who reared a large family, viz.: Joseph, Henry, Abram, William, John, Maria (Mrs. Wilttrout), Susanna (Mrs. Izull) and Sallie (Mrs. Gehret).

John Hoy, the grandfather of Charles E., was born Dec. 20, 1805, in Schuylkill county, and in 1828 married Sarah Kimmel. For some time they lived near Orwigsburg. In 1848 he purchased a farm in Turbut township, Northumberland county, to which he moved that year, and where he lived until his death, May 3, 1894. He followed farming and brickmaking. Mr. Hoy filled a number of township offices, and in political connection was a Democrat. In religion he was a consistent member of the Reformed Church. His first wife died Sept. 22, 1862, and he subsequently married (second) Mrs. Sarah (Miller) Frailie, widow of George Frailie. Fourteen children were born to the first union: Sarah (who married Nathan Fehr), born June 22, 1828, died Dec. 13, 1897; Charles, born Jan. 16, 1831, died Aug. 31, 1881; Hannah (who married Michael Farley), born April 5, 1833, died Jan. 21, 1909; Edward, born March 10, 1834, died July 18, 1892; Lavina (who married Thomas Karchner), born Jan. 9, 1836, died Dec. 12, 1891;

Hetty (who married William G. Follmer) lives in Milton; Frank moved to Kansas and is still living in the West; John, born Dec. 2, 1840, died Sept. 30, 1894; Maria, born Nov. 8, 1842, married William B. Wagner, and has three children, William H., Anna M. and Emily E.; Amanda (who married Jacob Fries), born Dec. 17, 1844, died March 12, 1900; Samuel was born Sept. 9, 1846; Elizabeth (who married John Noriconk) was born Sept. 9, 1848; David N., born Nov. 28, 1850, married Maggie Harman and is living on the old homestead in Turbut township; William died young.

Edward Hoy, father of Charles E., owned a farm east of Milton, now included in that borough, and there made his home and followed farming and trucking to the end of his days. His death occurred in 1892. He married Rachel Houtz, and they became the parents of five children: Charles E., Emma (who married Joshua Kelly), John, Gertrude (married John Mast) and Lulu (deceased).

Charles E. Hoy first learned the trade of machinist and steamfitter, beginning work in that line as an employee of Charles H. Godcharles (predecessor of the F. A. Godcharles Company). He next worked for S. J. Shimer's Sons and then for the American Car & Foundry Company at Milton, from which he changed to the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company and finally to the government employ, being engaged as steamfitter for the war and navy departments. In 1894 he engaged in the mercantile business at Milton, which he has since conducted. He is a thrifty and substantial citizen, has represented his ward one term in the borough council, and is a creditable member of the community in every way. He is a member of St. John's Reformed Church of Milton and a Democrat in political affiliation.

On Jan. 16, 1889, Mr. Hoy married Katie L. Hause, daughter of John R. and Mary A. Hause, and they have had two children, Frank Edward and Marie Ruth, twins. The comfortable family home in Milton was built by Mr. Hoy in 1893.

ROBERT M. CUMMINGS, of Montandon, Northumberland county, is an attorney of high reputation and standing in the locality where he has been engaged in practice for half a century and more, since 1859, and his son, Herbert W. Cummings, who has served two terms as district attorney, is adding distinction to a name which has been well and favorably known to the legal fraternity in this region for an unusually long period. The father was born Nov. 21, 1833, in Chillisquaque township, where he has passed all his life. The son is located in Sunbury.

The Cummings family is of Scotch-Irish stock. John Cummings, the first ancestor of this branch in America, was born in Londonderry, Ireland,

and came to this country with fifteen brothers about 1760, when about six years old. They first settled in Chester county, where he lived for a number of years, serving in the Revolutionary war as captain in a Chester county regiment; he was at Valley Forge. He was married in that county to Elizabeth Church, and in 1794 they came to Northumberland county, where Mr. Cummings purchased between 350 and 400 acres of land which had been taken up originally by Peter Boor, in 1769. This tract lies along the Chillisquaque creek, about two miles east of Montandon. Here Mr. Cummings remained to the end of his days, reaching the advanced age of eighty. He followed farming, built and conducted a distillery, and being a man of judgment and acknowledged ability was chosen justice of the peace after he settled in Chillisquaque township, serving many years in that office. He and his wife are buried in the Northumberland cemetery. They were the parents of the following children: (1) Ann, born Sept. 29, 1782, married Mr. Foresman and died Nov. 29, 1821. (2) Thomas, born July 7, 1784, lived near Jersey Shore. For many years he farmed one of the Hall farms near Montoursville, Pa. Mr. Robert M. Cummings visited him in June, 1843, when a severe frost killed the corn and all fruit. (3) James, born Dec. 7, 1786, lived on the Fairchild farm in Chillisquaque township. (4) Elizabeth and (5) Polly, born Jan. 10, 1790, both died in infancy. (6) William, born Nov. 19, 1791, is mentioned below. (7) John was born Oct. 5, 1793. (8) Polly (2) was born Jan. 11, 1799.

James Cummings, a brother of John Cummings (father of the above family), lived in Northumberland county and was engaged in the mercantile business.

William Cummings, father of Robert M. Cummings, was born Nov. 19, 1791, and died in 1865. He settled on a part of the homestead and there followed farming all his life, improving the property as prosperity rewarded his efforts. He remodeled and enlarged the original house, part of the old house remaining as it was in the early days—made of logs with weatherboard covering. He married Hannah R. Erwin, daughter of William and Mary (Emery) Erwin, and she survived him, dying at Sunbury in 1883. They were the parents of the following children: (1) John Andrew Jackson, born Feb. 15, 1832, was born without hands, but nevertheless he became a skilled penman, and having received a good education taught school, and for two terms—1861-67—served as register and recorder of Northumberland county. In 1877 he made a map of Northumberland county, and he also published maps of Montour and Columbia counties. He married Helen M. Sisty, daughter of Mahlon Sisty, and they had two children, William and Annie. (2) Robert M. is mentioned below. (3) Mary Ann,

widow of Thomas T. Baker, who died at the age of sixty-one years, resides at Montandon, where she is now postmistress. They had children: Clara A., Elmer E., Ella J., Carrie M. and Hannah Mary. Mr. Baker was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., son of Jacob Baker, and was one of ten sons who served in the Civil war; they later moved to Roanoke, Va. He was a member of Company I, 192d P. V. I. He was a foreman when the first college building of what is now Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, Pa., was erected. (4) Sarah Jane, a resident of Montandon, is the widow of David Kingsbury, of Luzerne county. (5) Anna C., now a resident of Baltimore, married Wesley Auten, who was prothonotary of Northumberland county from 1879 to 1885. They had one son, John, who is assistant engineer on the West Jersey division of the Pennsylvania railroad. (6) Harriet J. married J. W. Taylor, moved to Kansas, and died at Meriden, that State. (7) Margaret Agnes married Amandus Freize, and resides on the old homestead. (8) Eliza T. died when seventeen years old. William Cummings, the father of this family, was a member of the Presbyterian Church and in politics a staunch Democrat.

Robert M. Cummings, second son of William Cummings, received his early education in his native township, attending the public school at Sodom. Later he went to the Lewisburg Academy, which was then taught by John Randolph, before the university was established. He studied law with George F. Miller, of Lewisburg, was admitted to the Northumberland county bar in 1859, and has been engaged in practice continuously since. His clientele has been a large one, though his work has been confined principally to Orphans' court cases and real estate proceedings. In the latter field he is regarded as an authority of high value, particularly in his home neighborhood, where his judgment is highly regarded, his advice being sought in many important cases. His knowledge of local conditions as an owner of and dealer in real estate has brought him into touch with both sides of this question. In 1865 he and his brother, John A. J. Cummings, purchased land and laid out what is now Montandon. At that time there were only two buildings on what is now the site of the thriving town, and Mr. Cummings showed his faith in its future by erecting the large brick residence and office which he has ever since occupied. He has been interested in various other movements materially benefiting the village and his fellow citizens generally, having an intelligent outlook upon public affairs which makes him a most valuable citizen. He has served ten years as school director, throughout that period acting as secretary of the board, and for one term was justice of the peace. In politics he is a Democrat and interested in the success of the party,

taking an active part in its workings in the locality. He is a member of the Methodist Church, which he has served in an official capacity, and helped materially in the construction of the present church edifice. As an Odd Fellow of long standing he originally joined Mutual Lodge, No. 74, at Milton, Pa., in 1868, and when Montandon Lodge, No. 704, was established, became a charter member of that organization. He was the first officer of that lodge, and he has served as district deputy grand master of Northumberland county. Few citizens of his locality have been more closely identified with the various phases of life in the community.

On Nov. 14, 1865, Mr. Cummings married Mary E. Albright, daughter of John Albright, late of Turbut township, Northumberland county, and children as follows were born to them: Helen Alton died at the age of four years; Clara Elizabeth married Franklin B. Irvin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., where they reside, he being engaged as clerk in the rate department (they have had children, Miriam, Kathryn E., Beulah E. Cummings and Edna); John William, who was formerly a teacher, is now freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railway Company at Ozone Park, Brooklyn; Herbert W. is mentioned below; Mary A. is at home; Harriet J. married Edward Reitz, and has children, Herbert W., Lena M., Robert C., Elizabeth C. and Wilson. Mrs. Cummings died April 11, 1908, and is buried in Harmony cemetery, at Milton, Northumberland county.

HERBERT W. CUMMINGS was born at Montandon. After graduating from the Lewisburg high school he read law with his father, and on entering upon legal practice he settled at Sunbury, where he formed a partnership with Lewis Dewart. He has risen rapidly in the profession, and in November, 1901, was honored with election to the office of district attorney, the duties of which he assumed Jan. 1, 1902. The term is for three years, and he was reelected at the November, 1904, contest, serving two successive terms with distinguished ability. He enjoys a wide general practice, receiving the patronage of a clientele whose custom is a distinct acknowledgment of his talents and judgment in handling important legal work. He has a large library, and is considered one of the best informed attorneys at the Northumberland county bar.

Socially Mr. Cummings is a member in high standing of the Masonic fraternity and the B. P. O. Elks. In the former connection he unites with old Lodge No. 22, at Sunbury, with Northumberland Chapter, R. A. M., and with Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree. As an Elk he holds membership in Lodge No. 267, of Sunbury, which he is at present serving as exalted ruler.

MASON I. HOOVER, of Lower Augusta township, is one of the younger agriculturists of his

section who are doing good work in modern farming. He has a pleasant home in Hollowing Run Valley, where he has resided since 1907.

This Hoover family came into the vicinity of Northumberland county from Berks county, Pa., where George Hoover, the great-grandfather of Mason I. Hoover, was born. He was a farmer by occupation. About 1835 he moved to Snyder county, Pa., where he died some time before 1850, at the age of fifty-six years. His wife Hannah, daughter of Benjamin Rishel, died about 1868, aged eighty-four years, and they are buried at Witmer's Evangelical Church in Snyder county. They had eight children, as follows: Hannah married John Kantner; Sarah, Leah and Rachel died unmarried; Charles is mentioned later; George was drowned in the Susquehanna when forty-five years old, while engaged in catching logs; Morgan died at Rockville, Pa.; Mary married Martin Rishel and they lived at Milton, Pennsylvania.

Charles Hoover was born in 1819 in Berks county, and was sixteen years old when he moved with his parents to Snyder county, where he passed most of his life. He worked on the farm, which was situated on the banks of the Susquehanna, and followed milling as well as farming, being the owner and proprietor of the Yost Mill, the largest gristmill in Snyder county, which was built by John Richter at an expenditure of \$26,000. Mr. Hoover operated this mill for twelve years, when he retired, and thereafter he occupied one of the three houses which he owned at that point until his death, July 5, 1892, when he was seventy-two years, nine months of age. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a member of the United Evangelical Association, belonging to the Middle Creek Church, which he served officially. He was an upright, conscientious man, a good citizen from every point of view. His wife, Molly (Gougler), died Dec. 18, 1907, aged eighty-three years, seven months, three days, and they are buried at Witmer's Church. They had the following children: Zacharias, who lives at Allentown, Pa.; John, of Snyder county; Henry, of Lycoming county; George, of Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county; Jeremiah; David, of Snyder county; Ira, who farms on Red Hoover Island; and Agnes, widow of Capt. John Moyer, living at Selinsgrove.

George Hoover, son of Charles Hoover, was born Oct. 20, 1854, in Snyder county, and in 1856 moved with his parents to Hoover island, in the Susquehanna, where he has now resided for over half a century. The island at present contains three hundred acres of land, and was originally much larger. Mr. Hoover has been very successfully engaged in farming, and has a valuable farm stock. He married Annie Witmyre, daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Krebs) Witmyre, and they have had a family of nine children, viz.: Mason I.; Mary, wife of Harry Ney; Raymond, who died

in infancy; Osborne, who married Agnes Condrum; Eugene, who married Jennie Ziegler; Hall; Marguerite; George, Jr.; and a daughter that died in infancy. Mr. Hoover and his family are members of the United Evangelical Church and worship at what is known as the Hoover Church in Snyder county; the ground upon which this church is erected and the cemetery land adjoining were donated for the purpose by Charles Hoover, father of George Hoover, Sr.

Mason I. Hoover was born Nov. 5, 1879, on Hoover island, and there spent all his youth and early manhood, making his home there until he was twenty-seven years old. His early education was received in the common schools, and later he attended a summer term at the Herndon normal school, preparing to teach. He was licensed during Prof. Benjamin Apple's term as county superintendent, and taught his first term on Hoover's island (which is a part of Lower Augusta township), where all of his eleven pupils were Hoovers like himself, and all related. The island has also been known as "Red Hoover Island," because of the ruddy complexion possessed by the Hoovers generally. Mr. Hoover taught nine terms in all, all in Lower Augusta township, and in the spring of 1907 commenced farming upon his present place in Lower Augusta township, which he had purchased the year previously, moving there April 3, 1907. It is a tract of seventy acres in the Hollowing Run Valley, formerly the homestead of Washington Brosius, who erected the present buildings on the property. The land is very fertile, and Mr. Hoover is doing all that can be done with modern implements and ideas to improve it to the extent of its possibilities. He is an intelligent citizen, and is respected by all who know him. Though he has not held any public offices he has been active in the Republican party, and has helped to hold the elections in his district.

On Feb. 20, 1907, Mr. Hoover was married to Bessie Brosius, daughter of Washington Brosius, late of Lower Augusta township. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles H. Brocius, a cousin of Mrs. Hoover, who is now a missionary in Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have two children, Tamsie Marguerite and Mary Agnes.

WILLIAM P. HOTTENSTEIN, owner of the old Hottenstein homestead in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and present tax receiver of that township, was born there May 11, 1863, son of Charles Hottenstein.

The Hottenstein family has a long record in the Old World, its history beginning A. D. 380, when Count Reidbold von Hottenstein lived in the forest of the Spessard, in what is now Germany. The name signifies "Holy Stone." In the forest mentioned the Count annually held great and solemn court upon a large rock under a spreading oak.

He died in the year 415. His wife, Ilseboda, was a daughter of a Westphalian count. In 500 Alfred, a grandson of Count Reidbold, was the only living representative of the family, and he was killed in a battle with the Frisian warriors in 538. His wife, Anna von Herboldseche, was from Alsace. He had two sons, Sueno and Percival, the latter dying in the monastery at Fulda. Sueno was a warrior. Upon a hill where his ancestors had resided he erected a strong castle, which he called Hottenstein. He married Hirlanda von Bremhorst. Later two brothers, Theobald and Ausgar von Hottenstein, resided in the castle. Ausgar married Waldine von Elnfurt and died in 887, leaving a son, Filbert von Hottenstein, who at his death left an only representative of the family. Giselbert, who lived in the castle of his ancestors and married Kunnigunde von Velleres, of the French province of Poitou, died in 1317, leaving three sons. Two brothers dying, the other became sole heir of the family possessions, and married Lea von Dannenburg. In 1524 the castle was burned by the peasants. Only Kuno von Hottenstein, who was in the German army, survived. He married Louisa von Berg, and died in 1563. His two sons were Nicholas and Ernst. The latter, who was mayor of Esslingen, married and left three sons who came to America, one dying in Philadelphia, another settling in Lancaster county, Pa., where some of his descendants still live, and the third, Jacob, was the ancestor of the Hottenstein family of Northumberland county. In the early days the von Hottensteins belonged to the Frankish knighthood.

Jacob Hottenstein settled about 1727 in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1729 moving to Maxatawny township, that county, where Nov. 18, 1729, he purchased from Caspar Wistar 116 acres for forty pounds, twelve shillings (owned in 1890 by Dr. Edward Hottenstein). Later he purchased 327 acres more. He married Dorothea Reber, by whom he had these sons and daughters: Jacob, William, David, Henry, Dorothea and Maria. He died March 23, 1753, aged fifty-six years.

David Hottenstein, son of Jacob, had three sons and two daughters: Jacob, David, Daniel, Catharine (married Jacob Grim) and Dorothea (died young).

David Hottenstein, son of David, studied medicine in Philadelphia. He married Elizabeth Kline, and their children were: David, Jacob, Daniel, William, Isaac, Henry, Catharine and Sarah (married Jonas Trexler, who was the father of Jonas Trexler and grandfather of A. R. Trexler, of Sunbury, Pa.).

William Hottenstein, son of David and Elizabeth (Kline) Hottenstein, had children as follows: David H., Charles A., Robert, Henry, Edward (born Oct. 1, 1831), Caroline, Sallie A. and Matilda.

William Hottenstein, son of Jacob, the emigrant ancestor, had among his children a son Henry.

Henry Hottenstein, son of William, purchased a farm in Ontelaunee township, Berks county, where he lived. His death occurred in 1844. He served one term of three years as county commissioner. In politics he was independent. To him and his wife Catharine (Spohn), who died in 1839, were born thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters, as follows: Mary, William, Abram, Benjamin, Henry, Daniel, Catharine, Sarah, Philip, Jacob, Isaac, Charles and Esther.

Charles Hottenstein, son of Henry, was born May 25, 1812, in Berks county, Pa. He obtained his education in the common schools and at the academy in Reading, and made such good use of his opportunities that he was able to teach, being the second German considered competent for that work in Ontelaunee township. He continued to teach common school during the winter season in his native county for twelve years, and in the meantime also followed surveying, in which he was very proficient. In 1840 he moved to Montour county, Pa., and in 1845 he purchased a farm in Turbut township, Northumberland county, to which he moved. He was one of the leading men of the community in his day. While in his native county, when still a young man, he was elected township auditor, resigning that position to accept that of clerk of the county poorhouse for one year. In 1854 he was elected justice of the peace, which office he continued to fill throughout the remainder of his life. In 1855 he was elected county commissioner of Northumberland county, served three years and at the close of that period was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature. Later he was elected county auditor, serving from 1876 to 1878. During the Civil war he was treasurer of the bounty fund, handling about thirty thousand dollars without being required to furnish bond. In politics always an ardent Democrat and a most effective worker in his party's interests, he was a delegate in 1860 to the national convention held at Charleston, S. C., which adjourned to Baltimore, where Douglas and Breckinridge were nominated. He attended both meetings, but did not vote.

Mr. Hottenstein's first wife, Veronica (Kauffman), died in 1877, and he subsequently married Caroline Elwell, of Orleans county, N. Y., who died in July, 1909. By his first marriage there were twelve children: Allen S., now deceased, who was a prominent citizen of Milton, lawyer, postmaster and publisher; Henry and Daniel, both of whom still live in Turbut township; Mary, who married Harrison Hafer, of Union county, Pa.; Sarah, who graduated from the Keystone State normal school and taught four years in Scranton before her marriage to Jacob K. Stahl, of Union county; Susan, who married Thomas O.

Long of Williamsport, Pa.; Clara, who married Daniel F. Raup, of Turbut township; Abram C., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, class of 1882, who moved to North Carolina and now lives at Snow Hill, Md.; William P.; and three that died in infancy. The father of this family died March 12, 1891. He was a prominent member of the Reformed congregation of Paradise Church, which he served as trustee, deacon and treasurer.

William P. Hottenstein was educated in the public schools of his native township and at Limestoneville Academy. Upon the death of his father he purchased the family homestead in Turbut township, where he lives and works, being one of the substantial and worthy citizens of his community. He takes an interest in all movements affecting the public welfare, and is now serving his sixth year as tax receiver of his township. Like his father he is a member of the Reformed congregation at Paradise church.

Mr. Hottenstein married Ida Raup, daughter of William Raup, and they are the parents of two children, Merrill and Wilfred.

Philip Raup, the founder in America of the family to which Mrs. William P. Hottenstein belongs, came from Germany and settled in Berks county, Pa., where he lived and died. He was a farmer by occupation.

Philip Raup, son of Philip, was born in Berks county and there passed his early life. He learned the milling trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. When a young man he was a soldier in the war of 1812. In his native county he married a member of the Moll family, and about 1814 came to Northumberland county, taking up about four hundred acres of land in what is now Lewis township. There he spent the remainder of his days, dying at the great age of ninety-six years, and he is buried close to the Union church building at Turbutville. His children were as follows: Leonard, Jacob, Philip, Christopher, John, Henry, Katie (married Daniel Derr), Mary (married Amos Glase), Polly (married Samuel Lerch) and Mrs. Stephen Glase (Stephen and Amos were brothers).

John Raup, son of Philip and grandson of Philip, followed farming until his death, owning 120 acres in Lewis township. He is buried at Turbutville. He married Polly Clapp, daughter of John Clapp, of Lewis township, and nine children were born to them: A son that died young; William and John, twins; Daniel; David; Jeremiah; Adam; Kate, who married Joseph Minsemoyer; and Emma, who married William Conway.

William Raup, son of John, was born Oct. 27, 1839, in Lewis township, there attended school, and remained with his father until he attained his majority. He has since been working on his

own account, and has been engaged principally in farming, though he occasionally works at the trade of stonemason. For seventeen years he lived on the Daniel Follmer farm in Turbut township, and for the past nineteen years he has been located on the old Peter Voris farm in East Chillisquaque township, a tract of 140 acres. He is at present serving as supervisor of his township. Politically he is a Democrat and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to the congregation at the Follmer church. He is a prosperous farmer, and a highly respected citizen.

Mr. Raup married Sarah E. Follmer, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Lantz) Follmer, and nine children have been born to them: Daniel, who married Clara Hottenstein, lives in Union county, Pa.; Elizabeth married Elmer Strine and lives at Milton; Sallie is at home; Newton, of Milton, married Bessie Krumm; Clarence, of Milton, has been twice married, his first wife having been Nina Young, his second Florence Wertz; Frank, now of Rockford, Ill., married Cora Miller; Harvey is unmarried and lives at home; Ida is the wife of William P. Hottenstein, of Turbut township; and Katie is at home.

SWENK. There have been a number of respected and substantial citizens in Northumberland county bearing this name, among them the late esteemed Jacob Harris Swenk and his son, the present Dr. Charles Haas Swenk, of Sunbury, and Reese H. Swenk, brother of Jacob H., of Turbut township, this county, descendants of Hans Michael Schwenk, as the name was originally spelled, the family being of German origin. The Schwenks settled in Montgomery county, Pa., at or near the Trappe, prior to the Revolution.

The family is now widely scattered, but the reunions recently held have revived interest in the early history and brought many of the members together.

Hans Michael Schwenk was born in Germany in 1696, and a letter from Germany now in the possession of a member of the family shows that they belonged to the nobility in that country and were considered as military people. One of the family was in the Royal Guards. He emigrated to America with his family in 1741, coming in the ship "Lydia," James Allen, master, which arrived at Philadelphia Sept. 20th, and the list shows that Hans Michael Schwenk was accompanied by his wife Maria and sons Nicholas, Jacob and George. The names of females and children under sixteen years of age were not recorded. On May 8, 1757, there is record of Michael Schwenk and his wife Maria Elizabeth standing as sponsors for their grandson Daniel, born Nov. 6, 1756, son of Nicholas and his wife Anna Barbara. At the time of his death Hans Michael Schwenk had eleven

grandchildren. The line in which we are interested is traced through Nicholas.

Nicholas Schwenk, born in Germany, died March 19, 1808, in Salford township, Montgomery Co., Pa., where he followed blacksmithing as well as farming. He and his brother George were naturalized Sept. 24, 1755, at a session of the Supreme court held in Philadelphia. On June 9, 1756, he bought of Adolph Pennepacker and his wife Susan 154 acres of land, the consideration being £500. On Dec. 7, 1768, he purchased of David Strieb and his wife Susan, of Whitmarsh township, two tracts of land, containing, respectively, twenty-three acres, 120 perches and thirty and three-quarters acres. One of these properties was a hotel, but he did not care to conduct it and on May 23, 1770, sold the hotel and thirty-two acres, sixty-seven perches of land to Frederick Dickensheid, for £400. He sold two other tracts to Christian Moyer. His last purchase was made in 1792, when he bought the lot now owned by Dr. J. K. Keeler. He owned nearly all the land on which the village of Harleysville has been built. On Feb. 1, 1798, he and his wife Anna Barbara conveyed their farm to their son George for £800.

Nicholas Schwenk was a prominent man in his community, filling several official positions in the township. Tradition says that he became blind in his old age. His will, No. 100, recorded at Norristown, in Will Book 8, page 18, dated March 7, 1808, proved April 7, 1808, refers to his children and grandchildren. His sons George and Jacob (the latter of Upper Providence) were the executors, and some time after the father's death they obtained the consent of their mother in writing and made public sale of her lot, which was sold to Daniel Harley; a deed conveying same was executed April 3, 1810. To his wife Anna Barbara Nicholas Schwenk willed £10 in gold and silver, various articles of furniture, clock and stove, a lot on which they lived (containing two acres, 120 perches of land) and the lot of woodland near Salford meetinghouse containing four acres, ninety-eight perches. In the will are mentioned his sons George and Jacob; his deceased daughter Elizabeth; his daughter Mary Magdalena, wife of Andrew Campbell; his granddaughter Elizabeth, wife of John Ziegler; Barbara, wife of John Stone; and his grandson Martin Begar, to whom he left £5. He mentions Elizabeth, wife of Abraham Markley; Mary, wife of Michael Wagoner, and Barbara Ott.

It is probable that Elizabeth, wife of John Ziegler, and Barbara, wife of John Stone, were daughters of Andrew Campbell; Mrs. Campbell received the income of £200.

Elizabeth Schwenk, daughter of Nicholas, and her husband, Martin Begar, died respectively, June 24, 1804 (aged fifty-three years, eight

months), and Jan. 17, 1806 (aged sixty-seven years, seven months, twenty-six days). Mr. Begar's two sons-in-law, Abraham Markley and Michael Wagoner, settled his estate. The three daughters of Martin and Elizabeth (Schwenk) Begar were: (1) Elizabeth, born Aug. 23, 1779, died April 5, 1830; she married Abraham Markley (son of Isaac and grandson of Jacob), born Aug. 1, 1764, died Sept. 25, 1829, and they are buried at the Lower Salford meetinghouse. Their children were Elizabeth, Sarah, Samuel, Martin, Isaac, Abraham, Mary, Eli, Catharine, Joel, Jonas, and Abraham. Abraham Markley was a saddler by occupation, and lived in Upper Salford township. (2) Mary died Nov. 29, 1864, aged eighty-one years, six months, twenty-five days. She married Michael Wagoner, who died June 1, 1860, aged eighty-two years, three months, twenty-two days. (3) Barbara, Mrs. Ott, died April 8, 1813, aged twenty-six years, one month, seven days.

Nicholas Schwenk was a resident of Harleysville for over fifty years, but it is not known where he and his wife are buried nor where his son George and wife are buried. They are probably buried at the Goshenhoppen church in Upper Salford and have no regular tombstones, and the graves have undoubtedly been sadly neglected. However, interest in family history and the preservation of important dates have received much attention lately and systematic search has been carried on by the family reunion, resulting in the discovery of many names and dates from the Schwenkville, Keelor, Leidy, Goshenhoppen, Six-Cornered, Lower Skipack Mennonite, Limerick Center and St. John's (at Norristown) graveyards. There are a number of Schwenks interred in the Schwenk-Grob-Ziebler burying ground on the farm of the late Samuel Faust in Frederick township, Montgomery county, which has been much neglected, though the families interested contemplate restoring it and preserving the various records, straightening the tombstones, etc.

Jacob Schwenk, son of Nicholas, was born in Frederick township, Montgomery county. On April 10, 1783, he married Elizabeth Reimer, only child of John Reimer, and he settled at Trappe with his wife and two children. He then took possession of the old Muhlenberg property, which he probably purchased, and followed farming and tanning. After giving up housekeeping at the Trappe he made his home with his son Samuel for several years, and early in 1828 moved to Milton, where he died about a year afterward. His remains lie in Harmony cemetery. He and his wife had eleven children, six sons and five daughters. We have the following record of the sons: (1) John, the eldest, married quite young, about 1817, and went west to Pittsburg. (2) Jacob is mentioned below. (3) David learned the trade of hatter under his brother Jacob. He married and set-

tled in the town of Limerick, in upper Montgomery county, later removing to New Berlin, Union county, and from there to Swinefordstown, now Middleburg, Snyder county. (4) Henry also learned hatting, but never followed the trade. He left Trappe, and resided until his death with Abraham Slifer, a hotel-keeper at Flourtown, Whitemarsh township. (5) Edward lived and died at Trappe. (6) Samuel followed millwrighting while he resided at Trappe. He removed to Conshohocken, where he kept store for a number of years, and then turned his attention to organizing building associations. He married and had two daughters, Susan and Andora, both of whom married Jacob Hunsicker.

Jacob Schwenk, son of Jacob, was born in the village of Trappe, where he grew to manhood and married. He was a hatter, and followed that trade and ropemaking at the Trappe from the time of his marriage, about 1808, until his removal to Milton, in 1823 or 1824. There he resided until his death. He was largely engaged as a dealer in produce, which he bought in large quantities and transported by means of several canalboats, which he owned, to various eastern markets on the Pennsylvania canal. On the return trip he brought goods for the different merchants along the route, railroad facilities at that time being few and inadequate, and he did a thriving business. He died May 20, 1863, at the age of seventy-five years, and his wife, Elizabeth (Lewis), died Feb. 17, 1828, aged forty-one. Their children were: Justus is mentioned below; Col. Thomas, born Feb. 3, 1812, in the village of Trappe, died Nov. 7, 1903, aged ninety-one years, nine months, four days, was a prominent man of his day, served as auditor of Northumberland county, and was a member of Governor Pollock's staff; William and Franklin, who were not married, lived at Milton (William died Aug. 19, 1879, aged sixty-four); Thompson died March 22, 1864 (aged forty), at Milton, leaving a wife and daughter, now deceased; Lewis died at Milton March 14, 1865, aged thirty-eight, leaving two children, both of whom located in the west; Susanna married Cephas Girton and they resided at Milton.

Justus Swenk, son of Jacob, was born at the Trappe, and moved to Milton with his parents when a boy. There he spent nearly all his active career, a few years prior to his death, however, moving to Lock Haven, where he died in April, 1887, at the age of seventy-six. Early in life he engaged in rope-making, which he continued successfully at Milton until 1867, and for many years he was associated with his father in buying and shipping produce.

Mr. Swenk married Hannah Harris, who died in 1871, at the age of sixty-one years, and to them were born ten children, seven sons and three daughters, namely: Edward, Henry, Charles, Justus

and Mrs. C. C. Straub, of Milton, deceased; Mrs. Mary E. Frymier, of Williamsport, Pa.; Mrs. Anna Deffenbach, of Brooklyn, N. Y., deceased; Reese H.; Jacob Harris, deceased; and Thomas G., a merchant of Muncy, Pa., who is also operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company at that place.

REESE H. "SWENK, a well known citizen of Turbut township, was born Oct. 14, 1841, in Milton, Northumberland county, son of Justus Swenk. He attended school in his native locality, and when he commenced business life embarked in merchandising at Milton, following that line until 1877. Meantime, in 1872, he had located on his present place in Turbut township, one of the old Irland homesteads, which contains 107 acres of valuable land located two miles east of Milton, in the locality called Pleasant Valley. He now devotes his attention to the care of this property. Mr. Swenk is a well known citizen of his locality, served nine years as school director of his township, and is an intelligent, progressive man in every respect.

On Oct. 18, 1871, Mr. Swenk married Harriet E. Irland, daughter of David L. and Martha (Hayes) Irland, and they have one son, David Irland Swenk, who is in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company at Altoona, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Swenk are members of the Presbyterian church at Milton.

IRLAND. The Irland family of Northumberland county traces its line back to David Irland, who was born in 1748 in Scotland, and on coming to America settled in Turbut township, this county, where he took up about one thousand acres of land. The house which he built upon his farm is still standing and in good condition. The location is known as Pleasant Valley. During the Indian troubles he and his family were obliged to take refuge at Fort Augusta, at Sunbury, where they remained until the trouble was over, returning to the home in Turbut township as soon as it was safe. Mr. Irland died June 16, 1827, at the age of eighty-nine years, and his wife Lenora, born in 1739, died June 16, 1799, at the age of sixty. They are buried in the Chillisquaque cemetery. They were members of the Presbyterian church. Seven children were born to this pioneer couple: Robert, who died Oct. 31, 1845, aged eighty-three years (his first wife, Mary, died Aug. 12, 1808, aged thirty-seven years, and his second wife Elizabeth died Feb. 2, 1845, aged sixty-four years); John; William; Mrs. John Chesnutt; David, Jr.; Anna E., who died unmarried; and Elizabeth, who married William H. Sanderson (their children were William, John J., Mrs. Margaret Brown, and David).

David Irland, Jr., grandfather of Mrs. Reese H. Swenk, was born while the family were at Fort Augusta, in 1779. He died upon his farm in Turbut township in 1858, aged seventy-nine years.

He was a well known man, and an active member of the militia in the early days. His first wife, Sarah Teitsworth, born Dec. 4, 1787, died in 1818, at the age of thirty-one years. Her parents, John and Mary (Gallagher) Teitsworth, were married Jan. 10, 1787, and their children were born as follows: Sarah, Dec. 4, 1787; John, Jan. 15, 1790 (died Nov. 2, 1804); William, Oct. 12, 1792 (died Jan. 23, 1794); Elizabeth, June 17, 1795; Maria, Oct. 9, 1797 (died Sept. 29, 1804); Thomas G., Nov. 3, 1800 (died Sept. 22, 1803). Mrs. Mary Teitsworth, the mother, died Oct. 9, 1804. For his second wife David Irland, Jr., married Eleanora Sanderson, born in 1770, who died in 1842, at the age of seventy-two. Mr. Irland and both his wives are buried in the upper cemetery at Milton. Four children were born to the first marriage: David L.; Sarah, Mrs. Staddon; Eliza A., who died unmarried in 1845, aged twenty-eight years; and Mary, who died in infancy. No children were born to the second union.

David L. Irland, son of David, Jr., was born at the homestead in Turbut township in 1807, and in his day was a prominent man in his district, serving many years as justice of the peace. He followed farming on the place now occupied by his son-in-law, Reese H. Swenk, and in 1854 built the fine residence thereon which is still standing. He died upon the farm in 1873. In 1843 Mr. Irland married Martha Hayes, born in 1820 in Gettysburg, daughter of Robert and Martha (Agnew) Hayes, who died in 1904; she is buried at Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Irland had one child, Harriet E., now the wife of Reese H. Swenk. She is the only representative of the Irland family in this district at the present time.

JACOB HARRIS SWENK, who, in his long service as trainmaster of the Sunbury & Shamokin division of the Pennsylvania railroad, became very well known to the citizens of that region, was born Aug. 18, 1846, at Milton, son of Justus Swenk. He there attended the public schools until he reached the age of fifteen years. He then spent five years in the office of the *Miltonian*, in that borough, learning the printer's trade, and during that time also mastered telegraphy. In December, 1866, he obtained a position in the office of the Pennsylvania Railway Company at Jersey Shore, Pa., as telegraph operator. After only two weeks' service there he was transferred to Sunbury, Pa., in January, 1867, in the same capacity. In 1870, after faithful service in various lines, he was made train dispatcher and division operator at that point, holding such position for thirteen years, and in the latter part of 1883 was relieved of his duties as dispatcher, being made assistant trainmaster, which position he filled along with that of division operator. On May 1, 1891, he was made trainmaster, which incumbency he filled until his death, Feb. 4, 1911, a period of almost twenty years. His

long service and the responsible nature of his work were the best evidences of his efficiency and of the value placed upon his services. He was one of the company's oldest employees. Mr. Swenk had charge of over four hundred men, all engaged in responsible duties.

On Nov. 2, 1871, Mr. Swenk married Clara Haas, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Zimmerman) Haas, of Sunbury, and they had two sons, Charles Haas and Raymond. Mr. Swenk was for years a prominent member of St. Matthew's Episcopal church, which he served as (junior) warden for thirty years, and as treasurer of the parish house, which was built at a cost of \$35,000. He had charge of its management. Outside of his work his greatest interest centered in the church, and at the time of his death he was its oldest vestryman. He was also member of the choir for many years until a few weeks before the close of his life, and there was no more faithful attendant or sincere worshipper than he. As a member of the Young Men's club, he sought by this means to promote the welfare of the church and to build up an interest among the members of the congregation. He gave liberally of his time and money for the support of the church, and no matter how busy he might have been, was always ready to take up any task in the service of the church that might fall to his lot. The following "appreciation" gives some idea of the high esteem in which his services were held:

We, the Rector and Vestry, of St. Matthew's Church, desire to give an expression of our gratitude to Almighty God for the many blessings to this Parish through the life and service of Jacob Harris Swenk, and also of our grief at the great personal loss we have each sustained in the death of our very dear friend.

For more than forty years Mr. Swenk has been actively identified with the life and work of St. Matthew's Church; as a member of the choir, as vestryman and vestry's warden, but above all as a constant, unfailing attendant at the services of the church, he has been both a precept and example to the whole congregation. Eminently wise and conservative in counsel, of unfailing courtesy, most even-tempered, he has largely assisted in tiding us through many dark hours in the years that are past.

He had the unusual honor of being elected accounting warden of the parish in the same year in which he was called to the vestry, so that for twenty-nine years he has had oversight of the property and finances of the church. An example of generous and faithful giving, he led us on to doing more than ever before for the Master's cause, and by his unrelenting care of the property of the church during times of prosperity and stress, he aided materially in bringing the Parish to its present condition.

We have resolved to spread this expression of our appreciation upon the minutes, to furnish a copy to his family, with the assurance of our warmest personal sympathy, and to request its publication in the local papers.

C. M. CLEMENT
W. L. DEWART
H. S. KNIGHT, Committee.

Mr. Swenk was active in local politics to the ex-

tent of serving two terms in the borough council from the First ward. He was a Republican in political sentiment, and served as borough councilman. Fraternally he was a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias in Sunbury, and an active member of the P. & E. Railroad Veterans' Association, which he served as member of the executive committee. A tall man of fine physique and commanding presence, he was frequently likened, in appearance and demeanor, to the late President McKinley. He was calm and deliberate in spirit and manner, and held the esteem of social and business acquaintances alike. His death occurred Feb. 4, 1911, at his home, No. 208 Arch street. He was buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery.

CHARLES HAAS SWENK, M. D., a physician of Sunbury, who has been located in practice there since 1899, is a native of the borough, born Oct. 20, 1872, son of Jacob H. Swenk. He received his early education in the public schools of Sunbury, graduating from the high school in 1889. He then attended Bucknell College for two years, and took his medical course at the Medico-Chirurgical College, in Philadelphia, graduating from that institution in the year 1897. Dr. Swenk was at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., for a year and a half, being physician in the Miners' State Hospital there for nine months, and was subsequently in Luzerne county for a year, returning to his native place in 1899. He has fine offices at No. 243 Market Square. Dr. Swenk's practice has grown steadily, and he deserves the success which has attended his work, for he is faithful to the best ideals of his profession and an earnest, conscientious physician in all that the name implies. He is surgeon for the Mary M. Packer hospital, and president of the Sunbury board of health. His worth has been recognized by his fellow practitioners, among whom he has excellent standing, as is demonstrated by his official connection with the Northumberland County Medical Society and the Medical Society of Sunbury, both of which he is serving as treasurer; he has held that position in the county society since 1902. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. Socially he holds membership in Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., in the Alumni Association of his alma mater, the Americus Club and the Temple Club. He is a vestryman of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, in the work of which he takes an active part.

Dr. Swenk married Catharine Grant, daughter of the late William T. and Rachel A. (Yoxheimer) Grant, of Sunbury.

RAYMOND SWENK, younger son of Jacob H. Swenk, graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1903, and later took a course at State College, graduating therefrom in 1907. He has taken up

civil engineering, and is at present engaged as rodman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Pittsburg. He is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M.

CAPT. JAMES BRYSON, who died in the prime of life while serving his country as a cavalry captain in the Civil war, was a descendant of one of the prominent old families of Northumberland county. The Brysons are of Scotch-Irish descent and Presbyterians in religious faith.

Robert Bryson, the Captain's great-grandfather, born in 1727, died Sept. 29, 1769, aged forty-two years. He lived in Delaware township, Northumberland county. His wife, whose maiden name was Esther Quigly, was born in 1728, and died in September, 1809, at the age of eighty-one years. They had children as follows: James, Rev. John, William and Samuel. Of these, Rev. John Bryson, born in January, 1758, in Cumberland county, Pa., died Aug. 3, 1855, in his ninety-eighth year; he married Jane Montgomery, and they had five children, Christian, Jane, John, Robert and Hetty.

James Bryson, son of Robert, was born Jan. 29, 1757, and was a large landowner and farmer in Delaware township, where he died April 5, 1847, in his ninety-first year. He is buried at Warrior Run Church. He married Esther Graham, daughter of John Graham, on June 22, 1780, and the following children were born to them: Robert, William B., Mrs. Reineansin, Mrs. Nickson and a daughter, also married, whose name is not known. The mother of this family, born in 1751, died April 21, 1820, aged sixty-nine years.

William B. Bryson was born Nov. 30, 1794, in Delaware township, where he died. He was a farmer and blacksmith, following those occupations for many years. On Feb. 3, 1820, he married Rebecca Caldwell, who was born May 12, 1801, and died in Watertown. They are buried at McEwensville, Northumberland county. Fifteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William B. Bryson, namely: Margaret, born Nov. 10, 1820; Capt. James, born Jan. 1, 1822; Esther G., born Aug. 22, 1823, who married Andrew Russel (a son, William, resides at Watertown, Northumberland county); Mary E., born Feb. 20, 1825, who married John Easton, of Union county, Pa.; Ella R., born Feb. 25, 1827, who married Samuel McCarty; Rev. Robert C., born Dec. 3, 1828; John C., born Nov. 9, 1830; Hannah, born Aug. 16, 1832, who died in 1846, aged fourteen years; William, born Oct. 2, 1833, who married Mary Eisley (she still resides at Watertown, Northumberland county); Jane, born May 22, 1835, who married Samuel Russel; Capt. Samuel, born Jan. 31, 1837; Rebecca, born Jan. 13, 1839, who married William Wagner, of Winchester, Va.; Sarah, born Sept. 3, 1841, who married William Klopp; Martha, born

April 22, 1843, who married Dr. William Truckenmiller; and Priscilla, born Sept. 1, 1845.

Capt. James Bryson was born Jan. 1, 1822, on the old homestead in Delaware township, Northumberland county, and though he died in the prime of life, just at the age of forty, he was one of the most prominent young men in the county. He had entered the Union service as captain of Company D, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and died of fever at Louisville, Ky., in April, 1862, while on duty at that place. His death was a shock to all who knew him and was widely mourned in the vicinity of his home. His remains rest in the upper cemetery at Milton, Pa., where a fine monument marks his grave.

On Jan. 1, 1852, Captain Bryson married Margaret Montgomery, daughter of William S. and Jane (Caldwell) Montgomery, the former born Dec. 17, 1808, the latter Aug. 13, 1808. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery had a family of five children: David C., Robert (of McEwensville, Pa.); Oliver (deceased), Edward L. (of Grand Rapids, Mich.) and Margaret.

Four children were born to Capt. James and Mrs. Bryson: Agnes M., born in 1854, died in 1901; Clara J., born in 1856, died in 1902; Rebecca, born May 1, 1858, is the wife of William L. Wilson, a hardware merchant of Jersey Shore, Pa.; and William J., born in 1861, died in 1864. Mrs. Margaret Bryson makes her home in Milton, Northumberland county, residing on Front street.

Rev. Robert C. Bryson, son of William B., born Dec. 3, 1828, died April 13, 1873, aged forty-four years, four months, ten days. He was a Presbyterian minister, and was located at Ashland, Pa., for some years as pastor. On Aug. 25, 1859, he married Ruth E. Arnold, daughter of John and Hannah P. (Yeager) Arnold, and she still survives, now making her home at Reading, Berks Co., Pa. Four children were born to this union: Charles H., who is deceased; Myra, married to Gilbert Voris Russel; Robert C., who married Lydia A. Moore, and died in 1910; and Ruth, at home.

Capt. Samuel Bryson, the eleventh child of William B. Bryson, born Jan. 31, 1837, died Dec. 24, 1879. He was a farmer by occupation. Early in the Civil war he entered the Union service as a private, becoming a member of Company D, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and after the death of his brother, Capt. James Bryson, of that company, was promoted to its command to fill his place. He served nearly four years in the war. On Dec. 23, 1868, he married Martha W. Dean, daughter of Judge Joseph Dean, who served two terms as associate judge of Montour county, Pa. The Judge was twice married, having three children by his first wife, whose maiden name was Pollock, and eight by his second, Adaline Coal. To Captain



CAPT. JAMES BRYSON

Bryson and his wife were born five children: James, Howard, Janet, and Fannie and Ada (both of whom are deceased).

JARED D. MAYES, of Milton, Pa., manufacturer and importer of monumental work, was born Feb. 5, 1876, at Lemont, Centre county, Pa., son of Jones B. and Mary Brown. Jones B. Mayes was also engaged in the above business at Lemont, Centre county, Pa., where he is now living retired.

Jared D. Mayes, one of six sons, learned the business under his father, and became a partner of his father under the name of J. B. Mayes & Son, at Lemont. This firm continued for a period of two years, and in March, 1904, our subject located at Watsontown, where he established a business in March, 1908, buying out the business establishment of W. H. Wetzell, formerly known as the H. N. Swartz Steam Marble Works. In 1909 Mr. Mayes removed to Milton, where he built and equipped a fine plant located at No. 66 Bound avenue. This plant is fitted up with electric power and pneumatic appliances of various kinds, his equipment being adapted for the production of the best work known to the trade.

Mr. Mayes married Sophronia Segner, daughter of Michael and Christina (Gault) Segner. They have these children: Mary Agnes, Anna Louisa and Jared D., Jr.

EDWIN M. CAMPBELL, of Milton, Northumberland county, was born Dec. 7, 1867, in Shamokin township, and comes of an old family of that section, the Campbells having been settled in Rush township for several generations.

Joseph Campbell, his great-grandfather, was born in Rush township, where he lived and died, and is buried at the Rush Presbyterian church. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife, Lovina, is buried in the graveyard of the same church, of which they were early members. Their children were the following: Richard, who was drowned in the Susquehanna river, at Danville; William; Christopher, who died in Rush township; Martha, Sallie and Chartie, all of whom died unmarried.

William Campbell, son of Joseph, was born Oct. 10, 1810, and died in 1884. He spent all his life in Rush township, engaged in farming. In March, 1837, he married Catherine Johnson, who was born Dec. 15, 1814, daughter of William and Elizabeth Johnson, and died in 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are buried at the Rush Presbyterian church. They had a family of six children: Elizabeth, born Nov. 3, 1838, is the widow of Samuel Moore and makes her home at Snyderstown; Joseph A., born April 10, 1840, lives at South Danville, Pa.; John P. is mentioned below; Matilda, born Feb. 15, 1845, married Philip Miller and is deceased; Martha A., born Dec. 11, 1847, married John Hendricks; Margaret, born April 11, 1852, married

Daniel Acker and lives near Pottsgrove, Pennsylvania.

John P. Campbell, son of William, born Oct. 13, 1842, attended the schools of Rush township and there passed his early life. He remained at home with his father until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he bought the old Mahlon Boughner farm in Shamokin township, upon which he made his home for almost a quarter of a century. It comprises 132 acres of excellent land, and there he carried on general farming, with continuous success, until his removal in 1887 to the borough of Snyderstown. He built a fine residence at Snyderstown, where he has since lived in retirement. He is a Democrat in politics, and since settling in Snyderstown has served four years as roadmaster. In religion he is a Lutheran, holding membership in Reed's church, of which he has been deacon.

Mr. Campbell married Mary Sholl, who was born March 18, 1843, and died in 1879. To this marriage was born one son, Edwin M. Mr. Campbell married for his second wife Emma Hile, daughter of William Hile, of Rush township. There have been no children by this union.

Edwin M. Campbell received his education in the schools of his native township and worked with his father until he attained his majority. At that time he commenced farming for himself, locating on his father's farm at Snyderstown, which contains 160 acres. After cultivating that place for five years he moved to his wife's farm at McEwensville, Northumberland county, on which he was located for two years, at the end of that time settling in Milton, where he has lived since March 17, 1896. He bought a fine residence on Walnut street which he and his family still occupy, and since taking up his residence in the borough has been employed in the car shops, where he has an excellent reputation as an intelligent, industrious worker. He is considered a substantial citizen, but he has never taken any part in public affairs. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, belonging to the lodge at Milton.

On Dec. 20, 1888, Mr. Campbell married Ella V. Dreisbach, and they have had two children, Pearl Elizabeth and Emma Mae. Mr. Campbell and his family are members of Christ Lutheran church at Milton. In political faith he is a Democrat.

Daniel Dreisbach, ancestor of the Dreisbach family of Northumberland county to which Mrs. Campbell belongs, married Catharine Grodurbel, and they came to this county from Northampton county, where his father kept a hotel and farmed, at Dry Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dreisbach had the following children: (1) George Washington. (2) Daniel. (3) Susan married Charles Leon, son of Jonathan Leon and grandson of Dr. Leon, and they had two sons who died young.

Elizabeth (who died young), Anna Maria, Catharine (married Levi Buch) and Fyetta (Mrs. Hagnour). (4) Elizabeth married Nicholas Hower and had five children, George, Alfred, William, Aaron and Caroline. (5) Kate married Daniel Balliet and they had three children, Kate, George and Caroline. (6) Mary married David Stahlnecker and had five children, George, Daniel, Mary (Mrs. Moye), Julia (Mrs. James Frederick) and Sarah C. (Mrs. Murray).

George Washington Dreisbach, son of Daniel, married Sarah E. Acor, a descendant of Andrew Acor, who came to Pennsylvania from New Jersey and settled in Montour county; he was between forty and fifty years of age at the time.

THOMAS SATTESON was at the time of his death one of the oldest residents of West Chillisquaque township, living upon what is known as the Mount Zion farm. He was born Oct. 10, 1833, in Lebanon county, Pa., son of Jacob F. Satteson. His grandfather, who was of German extraction, lived and died in Lebanon county.

Jacob F. Satteson removed to Northumberland county when his family was young, and settled in what was then Turbut township, now part of the borough of Milton. He did day's work until his death, which occurred March 23, 1885, when he was seventy-three years, five months, fifteen days old. He is buried in Harmony cemetery, at Milton. His wife, Elizabeth (Kohr), died Nov. 8, 1896, aged eighty-three years, one month, twenty-eight days. They had the following children: John, who died at Milton, Pa., served two years and eleven months during the Civil war, being a member of the 5th Pennsylvania Reserves, took part in the battle of Gettysburg, and was wounded in the right wrist at the battle of the Wilderness; Sarah married Adam Freymeyer and (second) David Knauer; James L., born in 1838, died in 1902; Jacob F. is living in Milton, Pa.; Thomas is mentioned below; one daughter died young.

Thomas Satteson attended school at Milton, and when a young man followed boating upon the canal. He was thus engaged until 1868, except during the time he was in the Union service, having enlisted in Company E, 74th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which he served six months. In 1868 he bought the old Fidler farm of ninety-five acres, known as the Mount Zion farm, in Chillisquaque (now West Chillisquaque) township, and ever afterward gave his attention to its cultivation. He was a substantial and intelligent citizen, well informed upon the topics of the day, and interested in the progress of local events. At one time he voted the Republican ticket, but he was subsequently identified with the Prohibitionists. In religious connection he was formerly a Methodist, but there being no church of that denomination in his neighborhood he was long a member of the

Evangelical Association. He was a member of Henry Wilson Post, No. 129, G. A. R., and was a Mason for over forty years, having joined Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., in 1870.

Mr. Satteson married Jane McDaniel, daughter of Samuel and Tamer (Harris) McDaniel, and they had the following children: William married Susan Snyder and has two children, Jennie and Homer; Elizabeth married Edwin Balliet (they have no children); Louisa A. is the wife of William E. Steiger and has two children, Ruth and Harry; Harry married Sallie Baumgardner, and their children are Grace, Ralph, Susan, Thomas, Bud and Bruce; Ella J. married Calvin Steiger and has children, Robert, Thomas, Albert, Mary and Margaret; James F. married Elizabeth Derr, and their children are Elizabeth, Paul and Mary; Charles L. married Annie Fetzter, and their children are Ethel and Franklin; Sarah and Annie are unmarried and living at home.

Mr. Satteson died Nov. 22, 1910, and in the spring of 1911 Mrs. Satteson removed to Milton, where she makes her home at No. 454 Cherry street.

MAJ. FREDERICK A. REEN, a well known citizen of Watsonstown borough, has lived there since the close of his service in the Civil war, in which he had a distinguished record. He is a native of Liverpool, Perry Co., Pa., born May 13, 1839, son of George Reen.

Mr. Reen's grandfather came from Germany, his native land, and settled in Philadelphia, where he spent all the rest of his life. He had three sons, of whom George Reen was born in Philadelphia in 1803. When a young man George Reen moved to Perry county, Pa., near Liverpool, where he owned a farm and followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active years. He died in 1896, at the unusual age of ninety-three years. Mr. Reen married Clarentine Johnson, who was born in Perry county Feb. 19, 1806, and died there April 29, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Reen are buried in that county. They had children as follows: Samuel, born Jan. 31, 1831, who is living at Newport, Perry county; Harriet, born June 2, 1834, who married Abraham Grubb and lives near her old home in Perry county; Christopher, born June 23, 1836, who served in the Civil war, and died in Michigan; Frederick A.; Anna Maria, born Dec. 5, 1842; and Gilbert, born July 21, 1845, who is living in Sacramento, California.

Frederick A. Reen received his education in the pay schools in vogue in Perry county during his boyhood. He assisted his father with the farm work until his enlistment, May 4, 1861, for three years' service in the Civil war, at which time he became a member of Company B, 7th Pennsylvania Reserves, which command was organized at Liverpool. He was in active service as a private until the sec-

and battle of Bull Run, at which he was wounded, and he was discharged on surgeon's certificate April 30, 1863. Mr. Reen's second enlistment, Feb. 20, 1864, was in the 3d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. In April, 1864, the 188th Regiment was organized from the surplus members of the 3d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. It took the field at once, with about 900 men, a large proportion of whom were veterans who had served in other regiments. After the war had ended its enrollment was increased by an accession of men from the 199th Pennsylvania which had been mustered out, its recruits being turned over to the 188th. This was one of the three hundred famous fighting regiments of the Civil war, and lost 124 in killed and 456 in wounded. It was attached to Durnham's Brigade, Brooks' Division, 18th Army Corps, and its colonels were, successively, George K. Bowen, John G. Gregg, J. C. Briscoe and Samuel I. Given. The fatalities of this famous command occurred as follows: At Proctor's Creek, Va., May 11, 1862, 2; Proctor's Creek, Va., May 13, 1; Fort Darling, May 14, 2; Fort Darling, May 15, 18; Drury's Bluff, May 16, 25; Cold Harbor, June 1, 13, June 2, 6, June 3, 33, trenches, 3; Petersburg, assault, 3, mine, 2, trenches, 16; Fort Harris, Sept. 29, 14; Chapin's Farm, Sept. 30, 3. The regiment was also at Fair Oaks. Mr. Reen became a second lieutenant March 31, 1864; was promoted to first lieutenant July 22, 1864; to captain Dec. 14, 1864; and to major Nov. 26, 1865, being mustered out with that rank Dec. 14, 1865. At Fort Harrison, Sept. 29, 1864, he was wounded.

When he returned to civil life Major Reen settled at Watsontown, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he has since made his home. Later he became a teacher, following that profession for five years, and for a number of years was engaged in various lines of business, in 1896 taking the position of tax receiver of the borough, which he continues to fill. He has always been active socially, being well known in the Masonic fraternity. He was made a Mason Feb. 21, 1866, in Adams Lodge, No. 319, F. & A. M., of New Bloomfield, Pa., and on March 22, 1871, transferred his membership to Watsontown Lodge, No. 401, of which he became secretary in 1873, serving also in 1874; he was again elected to that office in 1904 and is still serving. He is a member of Warrior Run Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M., and also serves as secretary of that body. As a member of the G. A. R. he belongs to Bryson Post, No. 225, of Watsontown, and became its first commander Sept. 30, 1881. Major Reen has long been a prominent member of the Methodist church, in which he has filled all the offices, being at present president of the board of trustees, in which position he has served many years. He is an intelligent and well informed man, and his counsel is much esteemed in all the circles in which he is known.

On July 12, 1866, Major Reen married Sarah E. Knight, who was born Mary 10, 1846, at Liverpool, Pa., daughter of Richard and Sarah (Berry) Knight, the former of whom kept hotel at Liverpool for many years, during the time the canal was building; he died there. Mrs. Knight's father was a drummer boy in the Revolutionary war, one of the youngest soldiers enlisted from his district. Major Reen and his wife had no children. Not long after settling in Watsontown, he bought ground on Elm street upon which in 1869 he erected the pleasant home which he has since occupied.

REYNOLDS. The name Reynolds has long been a respected one in the borough of Turbutville, well and favorably known in business and public circles, and two of its worthy representatives there at the present time are Henry Abram Reynolds, justice of the peace, and William N. Reynolds, merchant. They are descendants of John and Hester (Foster) Reynolds, who were married in October, 1797, at which time he was in his "twenty-first year of age" and she was in her "eighteenth year of age." Their children were born as follows: William, Jan. 20, 1799, at 10 a. m.; Grace, Dec. 30, 1801, at 5:30 a. m.; George June 12, 1803, at 10 p. m.; Philip, June 20, 1806, at 6 p. m.; Eliza, Dec. 27, 1808, at 7 p. m.; Henry, Dec. 16, 1810, at 11 a. m.; Hiram, Oct. 3, 1812, at 4 p. m. Of this family, Grace died June 26, 1805.

William Reynolds, son of John, born Jan. 20, 1799, in Montgomery county, Pa., lived for some time at Willow Grove, in that county; was at one time a resident of Schuylkill Haven, and later came to Turbutville, Northumberland county, where he was a pioneer innkeeper. In his earlier manhood he had followed farming and shoemaking. Some time before his death he moved to a farm in Anthony township, Montour county, where he passed the remainder of his days. He is buried at the Warrior Run church. He married Hester Barrel, and they had the following children: Ella married Dr. Cotner; Mary married Isaac Reader, (second) George Christman and (third) D. H. Dreisbach; John lived and died at Turbutville; Himan lived for the most part in Turbutville, where he kept a hotel, later lived on a farm in Delaware township, and then moved to the Sulphur Springs hotel, in Lycoming county, Pa., where he died; George is mentioned below; William was a hotel-keeper in Pennsylvania, later moving out to Illinois, where he engaged in farming, and he died at Kingston, that state; Catharine married Jacob Smith and they lived and died at Schuylkill, Pa.; Louise is the wife of D. P. Dreisbach and they live at Turbutville; Eliza married James Leech, a farmer, and they moved from Montgomery county to Northumberland county.

George Reynolds, son of William, was born in

Northumberland county, and passed most of his life at Turbutville, Northumberland county, where he died in 1876 and is buried. He did laboring work and threshing, and was an industrious, respected citizen, his fellow citizens showing their confidence in him by electing him to various local offices. He was constable a number of years, councilman, and served in other borough offices, giving faithful service in every capacity. In political affiliation he was a Democrat, in religion a member of the Reformed Church. His wife, Rebecca (Dreisbach), daughter of Daniel H. Dreisbach, still survives, making her home at Turbutville. She is now (1910) sixty-three years old. To Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds were born the following children: Daniel, who is a resident of Williamsport, Pa.; Lizzie, married to Charles Moser; William N.; Augustus, of Turbutville; and George, a lawyer, who is now a prominent member of his profession in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM N. REYNOLDS, son of George, a business man of Turbutville, was born Feb. 14, 1872, where he now lives. He was educated in the public schools of the borough, graduating from the high school in 1890, after which he learned the trade of tinsmith from Fred Heisler, at Dallastown, York Co., Pa. In 1898 he embarked in business on his own account at Turbutville, where he has since been located, occupying a large building and carrying a full line of stoves, ranges, heaters, pumps, cream separators, paints, gas generators, and other things in the same line, his stock being very complete and up-to-date. He is agent for the celebrated Columbian stoves, ranges and furnaces, made by the Keeley Stove Company, of Columbia, Pa., and for the De Laval cream separators. He deals in all kinds of house furnishing supplies, including a large assortment of enamel and tinware. He installs plumbing and heating apparatus, also doing general job work, in which line he commands a wide patronage, keeping two men constantly employed. His business ability has been well demonstrated in the good judgment he has shown in the management of his establishment, being conservative yet progressive to such an extent that he wins and holds a high class of trade. Local enterprises have received his support and encouragement, he having been one of the organizers of the Turbutville National Bank in 1910; he became a member of the board of directors, and is vice-president. Politically he is a Democrat, and he is at present serving on the school board of the borough, and as secretary of that body. Fraternally he holds membership in the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of America.

On June 24, 1897, Mr. Reynolds married Lillie Weaver, daughter of Jacob Weaver, of Watsonstown, this county, and they have had four children: Earl, Gladys (who died when nineteen months old),

Edna and Leona. Mr. Reynolds and his family are members of St. James Lutheran Church.

Henry Reynolds, son of John and Hester (Foster) Reynolds, was born Dec. 16, 1810, in the neighborhood of Willow Grove, Montgomery Co., Pa. He was a shoemaker, his brothers George and Hiram also learning the trade. For some time he lived near Turbutville, in Lewis township, Northumberland county, later moving to Lycoming county, and thence to Montour county, where he continued to live until his death. He enlisted for service in the Civil war, but was accidentally killed March 15, 1863, at Turbutville, before entering the army. He and his wife, Kitty Ann (Barrel), who died March 28, 1880, aged sixty-three years, nine months, eighteen days, are buried side by side in the old grave yard, at Turbutville. She was a sister of Hester Barrel, wife of his brother William. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reynolds, namely: Theodore lives in Anthony township, Montour county; William is a resident of Kingston, Dekalb Co., Ill. (he was a soldier throughout the Civil war); Charles died young; George died young; Hiram, who served as a soldier throughout the Civil war, died when past forty in Denver, Colo.; Mary E. married John T. Kamp and they lived most of the time in Turbutville; Henry Abram is mentioned below; Alexander Smith lives at Kingston, Dekalb Co., Illinois.

HENRY ABRAM REYNOLDS, son of Henry, was born Nov. 24, 1854, in Moreland township, Lycoming Co., Pa., and received the greater part of his education at Turbutville, Northumberland county. In his younger manhood he was engaged for twelve years in school teaching, two years of this time in Northumberland county and the other ten years in Montour county, but his principal occupation was long civil engineering, which he has followed for the most part in his native State. He was thus engaged for three years in Florida. He has been prominent in the administration of public affairs in Turbutville, serving nine years as assessor of the borough, and two years as member of the council, and in February, 1906, he was elected justice of the peace, which office he still continues to fill. He is a man of ability and intelligence, and his high character has won him the universal respect of his fellow citizens.

On May 19, 1888, Mr. Reynolds married Margaretta Butler Wetzel, daughter of Henry E. Wetzel, of Montour county, Pa., and granddaughter of John Jacob Wetzel, of Montour county. Three children have been born to this union: Frances Helen, John Lloyd and Edward Levering. Mr. Reynolds and his family are members of St. James Lutheran Church.

DAVID L. BLY, present owner and conductor of the Watontown ferry, is engaged in a business with which his family has been connected for the past fifty-five years. The ferry has been owned in the family since 1866. Mr. Bly is a son of James C. Bly and grandson of Capt. John Bly, whose father lived and died in Virginia. He was probably a farmer by occupation. The family is of Scottish descent.

Capt. John Bly was born Dec. 18, 1814, in Virginia, and came to Pennsylvania in young manhood. He was one of the original settlers at Watontown, Northumberland county, in which vicinity he resided for over fifty years, having his home in White Deer township, Union county, until 1865, when he came across the river to Watontown. He was one of the first to promote the establishment of the ferry at that place, across the Susquehanna, conducting it from 1861 until his death. He bought it in 1866. For about fifteen years he was captain of a canalboat on the Pennsylvania canal.

In 1835 Captain Bly married Lydia Rhoads, who survived him for many years, his death occurring in 1883, when he was within six days of his seventieth year; he was buried at Watontown. Mrs. Bly died July 24, 1902, at the age of eighty-eight. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and her husband gave liberally to the support of the church. He was a member of the I. O. R. M. Ten sons were born to this couple, all growing to maturity except Edwin, the youngest, who died when seventeen months old. The others were as follows: Joseph, of Watontown, who died in April, 1896, in his sixty-first year; David, mentioned below; James C., mentioned below; William R., mentioned below; Manoah, of Watontown; Charles, of Watontown; Alem, of Montoursville, Pa.; Phineas (twin of Alem), of Watontown; and John A., of Buffalo, N. Y., who died near Pittsburgh, Pa. Four of the sons, Joseph, David, James C. and William R., served in the Civil war. Only four now survive, James C., Charles, Alem and Phineas.

Joseph Bly, brother of Capt. John Bly, lived in White Deer township, Union Co., Pa., and was a carpenter by occupation. He had a son William, of Hagerstown, Md., and daughters Hattie and Mary.

Capt. David Bly, son of Capt. John Bly, was at one time engaged as a broker at Williamsport. He saw active service in the Civil war, enlisting in Company G, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteers, when the war broke out, and later becoming captain of Company B, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers. He took part in a number of battles, notably Antietam, second Bull Run, Chancellorsville, South Mountain and Fredericksburg. He died at Williamsport in 1901, quite suddenly, of heart disease.

William R. Bly, son of Capt. John Bly, was born in Union county, Pa., at White Deer, Dec. 1, 1844, and when thirteen years old left home to live with a relative in Turbut township, Northumberland county. When seventeen years old he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company B (commanded by his brother David), 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, on Aug. 1, 1862. He served nine months with that command, subsequently for three months in the 194th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and for one year in the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry. On his return to civil life he engaged in the lumbering business on White Deer creek, after which he purchased the Bower homestead in White Deer Valley. Upon the death of his father, in 1883, he purchased the Watontown ferry and farm property, and operated the ferry for over twenty years, until his retirement, about 1905, in which year he sold the ferry to his nephew, David L. Bly. He died at his home on West Third street, Watontown, Dec. 25, 1908, after a long illness, and was buried at Watontown with Masonic rites, having long held membership in the Masonic fraternity, in Watontown Lodge, No. 401; he was also a member of the G. A. R., belonging to Bryson Post, No. 225. His religious connection was with the First Lutheran Church of Watontown. Mr. Bly was a substantial citizen, and one of the stockholders in the Watontown National Bank. He was twice married, the first time Dec. 23, 1869, to Mary Bower, who died Feb. 7, 1884, leaving four children: Elizabeth, John, Minnie and William. His second marriage, on Feb. 14, 1887, was to Annie M. Wallize, of Watontown, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Clark) Wallize, who survives him. Three children were born to this union: Rhoads, now of Houston, Texas; Minnie, married to Harley Sterner, of Williamsport; and Elizabeth, who lives at home.

James C. Bly, son of Capt. John Bly, was born in White Deer township, Union Co., Pa., Jan. 16, 1840, and attended the Leisz school in his home district. In his younger life he followed sawmilling and lumbering at Williamsport for about seventeen years, after which he farmed for eight years in Kelly township, Union county. He then moved to White Deer township, that county, where he lived for eighteen years, meantime beginning railroad work, with the Philadelphia & Reading Company. He was employed on the construction of the south bound track. For four years he worked in the planing mill at Watontown. His brother David having purchased the White Deer gristmill, Mr. Bly assisted him in the milling business for nine years. In 1905 he came to his present location on Second street, in Watontown, along the river bank, where he has a home of his own. On Aug. 1, 1862, Mr. Bly enlisted in Company B, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, at Wat-

sontown, for nine months' service, his captain being his brother David. He was discharged at Harrisburg May 25, 1863. Mr. Bly's second enlistment was for one hundred days, in Company A (Capt. George H. Jones), 194th Regiment, with which he was connected from July 11, 1864, until his discharge at Baltimore Sept. 9, 1864, because of his third enlistment, Sept. 10, 1864, in Company D, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, for one year, under Capt. M. Breckbill. He was discharged June 17, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee.

On Jan. 21, 1868, Mr. Bly married Mary E. Campbell, daughter of John Campbell, who lived in White Deer township, and she died in 1883, aged thirty-two years, one month, eleven days, the mother of six children: Grace, Mrs. John Lupold; Bertha, Mrs. Elmer Sanders; David L.; Lillie L., widow of Harry Harding, who was killed on the railroad in 1904; Mary, who is unmarried; and Charles, a traveling railroad telegraph operator.

David L. Bly was born Aug. 12, 1875, in Kelly township, Union Co., Pa., and received his education in the public schools of White Deer. In 1892 he commenced to learn telegraphy at White Deer, and followed the work for eleven years at that point. He then went to New Haven, Conn., where he was engaged as assistant car distributor for a period of three years. In July, 1905, he bought the interests of his uncle, William R. Bly, in the Watsonstown ferry, and has since devoted himself to its operation. He has installed a complete new equipment, and by strict attention to business is making a success of the institution which has so long been associated with the prosperity of the Bly family. Mr. Bly has a fine residence at the corner of Fourth and Elm streets, Watsonstown, which he and his family have occupied since 1908. He is a well known Mason of his locality, being a member of Watsontown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M., of which he was master in 1908, and a member of Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M.

On Nov. 25, 1908, Mr. Bly married Amy R. Nicely, daughter of William A. Nicely, and they have one daughter, Ruth Mozley.

MAURICE KEYSER, a truck farmer of West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, has a small but valuable tract in that township and attends the Sunbury markets. He was born Sept. 25, 1863, in Chillisquaque township, and comes of a family which has been settled in America since early Colonial times.

Dirk Keyser, the founder of the family in this country, was born in 1635 at Amsterdam, Holland, son of Gerretts Keyser, who married Cornella, daughter of Tobias Govertsz Van den Wyngant, a Mennonite minister. Dirk Keyser landed at Philadelphia in 1688, and settled in German-

town, where he was a pioneer manufacturer. He died there Nov. 30, 1714. His descendants are scattered all over the United States.

John Keyser, grandfather of Maurice Keyser, was born Jan. 17, 1796, in Germantown, and died Feb. 24, 1880. When a young man he settled at what is now Freeburg, in Snyder county, Pa., later coming to Northumberland county, where he made his home at Chillisquaque, in the township of that name. There he bought a tract of land, but he followed his trade, that of shoemaker, during most of his active life. His wife was Elizabeth Hackenburg, daughter of Peter, and they were the parents of the following children: Peter, born in 1822, died in New York State; Samuel, born in 1823, died in Chillisquaque; Jacob, born in 1826, died in Chillisquaque; Daniel, born in 1828, is living in Sunbury; Mary, born in 1830, died in 1833; Alpheus W., born in 1832, died in New York State; Joseph was the father of Maurice Keyser.

Joseph Keyser, born May 24, 1835, at what is now Freeburg, Snyder county, was about four years old when brought to Chillisquaque township, to the farm he occupied until his death, May 24, 1911. He was one of the oldest residents of his district, where he was well and favorably known. Mr. Keyser was a lifelong farmer and trucker, and attended the Sunbury markets as such. He also followed boating upon the canal to some extent. He married Maria Garber, daughter of Augustus Garber, of Union county, Pa., and they had a large family, namely: Annie, Mrs. William Whalen; Maurice; Ada, unmarried; Ella, Mrs. Charles Hall; Sarah, unmarried; Virgie, Mrs. Boyer; Normand, who lives at Montandon; Augustus G., of Montandon; Joseph, living in Chillisquaque; and four deceased, Harry, Elizabeth, Carrie and Maria.

Maurice Keyser attended the public schools of his native township and remained with his father until eighteen years old, since when he has been engaged in trucking on his own account. In 1905 he bought his present farm in West Chillisquaque township, twenty-two acres of fine land especially adapted to truck farming, which he has since followed most successfully, finding a steady demand for his products in the Sunbury markets. He is an industrious worker and a good business man, and enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens. In 1904 he was elected school director and has since served continuously in that office; for two years he was secretary of the board. He is a Republican in his political views.

Mr. Keyser married Mary Vandling, daughter of Peter Vandling, and they have the following children: Lucy, a graduate of the Montandon high school, who has been teaching the Chillisquaque school since 1906; Laura; Clifford, who is a member of the class of 1913 at Bucknell College, Lewisburg, Pa.; Lester; and Elizabeth. The family are Lutherans in religious connection.

FRANKLIN S. FRIES, of Montandon, Northumberland county, who has conducted a blacksmith shop at that point since 1900, was born Jan. 1, 1861, in Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., son of Frederick Fries and grandson of Rev. Jost Heinrich Fries.

Rev. Jost Heinrich Fries was born in 1777 in Germany, where he received his classical and theological education. When a young man he came to America, where he became a highly successful preacher, his vigorous mind and high attainments, no less than his open honesty and true character, winning him a high place in the ministry. Though blind for some years before his death his astonishing memory enabled him to continue his forceful preaching, and he commanded the confidence of his people to the end. He was a fearless preacher and a forceful writer, contributing many articles to the press. A quotation from one of his sermons shows the directness with which he addressed his remarks: "Money rules the world, ignorance Brush Valley. Like calves I have led you on, like oxen I now leave you. Farewell." His death, which was caused by blood poisoning, occurred Oct. 9, 1839, when he was sixty-two years, five months, sixteen days old, and he was buried in Mifflinburg cemetery, in Union county. In his last illness, in full possession of his senses, he refused to take medicine, saying "I wish to die." He was twice married, and by his first wife, Catharine (Groff), had two children. His second wife, Susanna (Groff), bore him eleven children. One of his sons was Judge Henry W. Fries, who died in Wisconsin.

Frederick Fries, son of Rev. Jost Heinrich and Susanna (Groff) Fries, was born in Union county Sept. 7, 1826, and died July 11, 1885. He was a farmer, living near New Berlin. A consistent and active member of the Reformed Church, he served many years as member of the consistory, and also acted as superintendent of the Sunday school. He married Elmira Hassenplug, who was born Feb. 17, 1829, and died Jan. 26, 1907. Five children were born to them, as follows: Franklin S., born Jan. 1, 1861; Rachel C., born March 3, 1863, who married William H. Smith, and died Jan. 23, 1885; a daughter, born Nov. 27, 1864, who died in infancy; Alexander, born Aug. 5, 1866; and Sue M., born April 6, 1868.

Franklin S. Fries attended the schools of New Berlin and Union Seminary at that place. He served his apprenticeship to the trade of blacksmith with William H. Derr, near Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., and subsequently opened a shop of his own in that vicinity, where he remained until his removal to Montandon, in 1900. He has built up an excellent business, enjoying the good will and esteem of all with whom he has had dealings, in business or social relations.

Mr. Fries married Adeline Elizabeth Berk-

heimer, daughter of Henry Berkheimer, and they are the parents of two daughters, Florence Emma and Pearl Eva. Mr. and Mrs. Fries have also reared Harvey Berkheimer, who married Maggie McKean and has one child, Helen E.; they live at Milton, Pa. The entire family are members of the Reformed Church.

William Berkheimer, grandfather of Mrs. Fries, was born in Berks county, Pa. He married Mary Hillhart, and they had the following children: Samuel, who lived at White Deer, Pa.; George, who lived at White Deer; Frank, who died in Chillisquaque, Northumberland county; Henry; Jacob, who died in Chillisquaque; Mary, who married Andrew Fetzer; Margaret, who married Daniel Keiser; and Susan, Mrs. Shannon.

Henry Berkheimer, son of William, was born March 28, 1827, and married Adeline Haupt, who was born Oct. 28, 1831. Their children were born as follows: William H., Nov. 26, 1851; Mary M., Oct. 4, 1853; Sarah J., April 20, 1856 (died Nov. 23, 1858); Isabella, March 23, 1858; Charles F., Aug. 2, 1860 (living in Jersey City); Clara, Dec. 11, 1862; Adeline E., Feb. 17, 1865 (Mrs. Fries); Horatio S., May 9, 1868; Jamella, June 19, 1870; James, Jan. 24, 1875.

JOHN HOFFMAN, a retired citizen of Watsonstown, Northumberland county, has been a resident of that place since 1884. He still owns two farms, one in Lewis township, near McEwensville, and another in Delaware township, and occasionally works on his land, but he gave up the arduous duties of farming many years ago.

Mr. Hoffman was born Nov. 6, 1832, in Lancaster county, Pa., son of John and Mary (Kauffman) Hoffman. His grandfather died a number of years before his grandmother, who remarried, her second husband being a Mr. Stertzler, of Berks county, Pa. John Hoffman, the father, was born in 1802, lived for several years in Lancaster county, Pa., and for some years was a resident of Maiden-creek township, Berks county, where he was engaged in farming near Halfway House. Thence he moved in 1844 to Northumberland county, settling in Turbut township, where he had a farm of 127 acres upon which he spent the remainder of his life, dying there in 1858, at the age of fifty-six years. He is buried at Paradise Church, in Turbut township. He was a rugged man, apparently able to endure anything, and in the winter exposed himself fearlessly to the elements, but his hardihood in this respect proved his undoing, for his death was caused by drinking cold water while overheated after haymaking. He was a Lutheran in religious faith, a Democrat in politics. Mr. Hoffman married Mary Kauffman, who was born in 1814, daughter of Daniel Kauffman, a prominent public man of Berks county, who lived at Leesport. Mrs. Hoffman died in 1893, aged sev-

enty-nine years, the mother of the following children: Matilda married Thomas Carl; John is mentioned below; Susanna married Samuel Clapp; Jacob died in Montour county; Mary married Edward Kerchner; Adam died young.

Jacob Hoffman, brother of John Hoffman, Sr., died near Blandon, Berks county. He was married, but had no family.

John Hoffman was a boy when his parents came to Turbut township, Northumberland county, and there he attended the common schools. He worked for his father until twenty-four years of age, in the spring of 1857 beginning farming on his own account, on shares. After eleven years' work on that basis he bought a thirty-acre farm near Paradise Church, which he farmed for two years, at the end of that time selling out and again farming on shares, which he continued for another three years. Buying a ninety-one-acre farm in Lewis township, near McEwensville, he farmed that place for fourteen years, until he settled in Watsonstown, in 1884. He still works on his farm when occasion requires, but has not been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits since he took up his home in the borough. In addition to his Lewis township property Mr. Hoffman has a farm of 103 acres in Delaware township, which he rents out. He also owned property at Springtown, Northumberland county. Mr. Hoffman has not been particularly active in public affairs, but he is interested in the welfare of the community and has served six years as school director. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religious matters he and his family are Lutherans. He served a long term of years as deacon of the Paradise Church.

In the fall of 1856 Mr. Hoffman married Susanna E. Kerschner, daughter of John Kerschner, and she died May 9, 1909, at the age of seventy-three years; she is buried in the family plot at Watsonstown, where the Hoffman monument has been erected. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman had no children of their own, but they adopted a daughter, Lizzie Ulrich, who came from Berks county, and who lived with them from the age of nine years. She is now the wife of C. J. Yagel, who is engaged in operating a gristmill at Exchange, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Yagel have a family of seven children, one of whom, George H., was adopted into the Hoffman family when a mere child and has been given the name Hoffman legally; he was born in the Hoffman home.

George H. Hoffman resides with his foster parents, and is engaged as a dealer in live stock, poultry, etc. He married Florence S. Wertman, daughter of Wesley Wertman, of near Turbutville. Mr. Hoffman is a member of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and he is a Democrat in political sentiment. He owns an old left-handed sickle of a by-

gone style seldom seen nowadays, even among curiosities.

HARVEY M. STAHL, superintendent of the Pomfret Manor cemetery at Sunbury, Northumberland county, has filled his present position since 1899. He has previously been engaged in similar work at Lewisburg, Union county, and his experience fits him well for his responsibilities. He is an excellent manager, showing good judgment and taste in all the details of his duties at Pomfret Manor, and the various improvements which have originated with or been carried out by him have proved that he has marked ability in his line.

Mr. Stahl was born Dec. 12, 1863, in Snyder county, Pa., and comes of an old family of that section of the State, his great-great-grandfather coming from Switzerland and settling in one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather, Adam Stahl, was a farmer in Union township, Snyder county. He was a Mennonite in religious faith, and he and his wife are buried at Witmer's Evangelical Church in Snyder county.

Frederick Stahl, son of Adam, was born in 1801 in Union township, Snyder county, and there passed his whole life, engaged in farming. He died in Union township in 1881, but is buried at Winfield, Pa. Like most of the early members of the Stahl family, he was a Mennonite in religious faith. His wife, Susanna (Shottsberger), of Union township, Snyder county, was born in 1803 and died in 1884. Their children were as follows: Peter, Jacob, John and William all lived in Union township; Elias is mentioned below; Katie married John Sholly; Mary married Joseph Herald; Susan married Peter Sholly, brother of John.

Elias Stahl, son of Frederick, was born in 1843 in Union township, Snyder county, and engaged in farming at Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., where he is buried. He died July 1, 1903. His wife, Anna (Miller), still makes her home at Lewisburg, where several of their children also reside. Mr. and Mrs. Elias Stahl had children as follows: Alfred, who is a resident of Lewisburg; McClellan, of Kelly Point, Pa.; Harvey M.; John, of Lewisburg; Sarah, wife of Edward Bondeman, of Reading, Pa.; William, who died at the age of sixteen; Adam, of Montandon, Northumberland Co., Pa.; and Frederick, of Lewisburg.

Charles Miller, father of Mrs. Anna (Miller) Stahl, was born in 1801 and died in 1880. He came from Montgomery county, Pa., not far from Philadelphia, and settled in the vicinity of Keiser's Church, in Union township, Snyder county, about 1824. Previous to his removal to this section he married Eva Reiter, and they had one child born in Montgomery county. Mr. Miller was a carpenter by trade. He and his wife are buried at Keiser's Church. Their children were: Levi, of

Shreiner's Church, in Snyder county; Sophia, deceased; Anna, Mrs. Stahl; and Matilda.

Harvey M. Stahl was educated in the public schools of his home locality and at Freeburg Academy. He began work as clerk in a general store, being thus employed for six years, after which he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company for a time, as foreman in the freight department at Shamokin. In 1897 he moved from Shamokin to Lewisburg, where he was engaged by the Lewisburg Cemetery Company until his removal to Sunbury, in 1899. He arrived at Sunbury Aug. 20th, and has since been superintendent of the Pomfret Manor cemetery, where, at that time, 605 interments had been made. Up to Oct. 4, 1910, the number was 1,756. From twelve to twenty men are employed in the cemetery work, according to the season, and the work is thoughtfully planned and systematically executed, as the first-class condition of the grounds shows. Mr. Stahl has inaugurated a number of improvements in the manner of handling the care of the cemetery, and he is at present contemplating a systematic record of burials, etc., which would be valuable to all interested. His energetic and methodical performance of all the work at Pomfret Manor has won the appreciation of all concerned.

On Oct. 27, 1887, Mr. Stahl married Ella Heintzleman, daughter of Elias and Deborah (Reichenbach) Heintzleman, of Union township, Snyder county, and granddaughter of John Heintzleman and his wife (who was a Reigel), also farming people of Snyder county. Mrs. Stahl is one of a family of eight children: Laura married S. A. Dinger, of Shamokin; Ella is Mrs. Stahl; Harvey married Miss Monday, of South Fork, Pa.; Katie married Joseph Shaffer, of Snyder county; John A. married Annie Foltz, and is a farmer of Snyder county; Annie C. married Charles Seachrist, and they are farming people of Snyder county; Charles married Miss Hopewell, of Northumberland, Pa.; Jennie married Clayton Steffen, and they are farming people in Snyder county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stahl have been born three children, two sons and one daughter, namely: Stella M. is a graduate of the Sunbury high school and of the commercial department of Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa.; Roy E. is a member of the class of 1911, Sunbury high school (he has considerable local fame as an athlete); Norman W. is a member of the class of 1913, local high school. Mr. Stahl and his family worship at the Lutheran Church. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

JAMES J. HOLLAND, a well known business man of Shamokin, Pa., was born at Locust Dale, Pa., March 19, 1866, son of Richard Holland.

Richard Holland was born in County Kilkenny,

Ireland, and came to America in 1845, settling at Pottsville, Pa. He became an employee in the mines and was superintendent of mines for a while. He later went to what is now Brockville, Schuylkill county, and in company with George Clark and a Mr. Raisbeck opened up a mine there. Then they went to Locust Dale and opened up the old Potts colliery, and later the Marion colliery, which is about three miles west of the Potts colliery. He was employed at different collieries until 1880, when he accepted a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, being located at Tremont till 1883. At this time he went to East Franklin, working there until December, 1885, and on Jan. 1, 1886, he became superintendent of the Enterprise colliery for the late Thomas Baumgardner, continuing there the remainder of his life. He was killed Nov. 24, 1886, near Excelsior, by the Empire freight train of the Northern Central railroad, and was buried at Ashland, Pa. He was an energetic and industrious man, whose strict integrity and indefatigable devotion to business made him a valued employee.

Mr. Holland married Margaret Monaghan, who died at Frackville, Pa. They had thirteen children, viz.: Edward, John, Michael, Mary, Stephen, Richard (assistant superintendent of the Susquehanna Coal Co.), Ellen, James J., Ann, Lawrence, and three who died young.

James J. Holland attended the public schools of Locust Dale, Pa., and when fourteen years of age entered the office of the Potts colliery as a messenger boy. Here he remained for some time and then went to Tremont to work in the mines, from 1881 to 1886, when he entered the office of the Enterprise colliery for Thomas Baumgardner, taking charge of the pay department. When this colliery was sold in 1891 to Hon. W. L. Connell and others, he remained with them. In 1893 he took charge of the Anthracite Store Company, at Excelsior, as manager, and in July, 1909, he was also made manager of the Bernice Store Company, in Sullivan county, Pa. He still retains these positions.

Mr. Holland married Feb. 26, 1889, Clara E. Wean, daughter of Percival and Sarah (Henninger) Wean. Mr. and Mrs. Wean have lived at Donaldson, Schuylkill county, for sixty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Holland have had children as follows: Estelle, nurse at the State Hospital at Scranton, Pa.; Margaret, died young; Hilda, graduated in the class of 1910 from the Shamokin high school; Richard, a student at the high school; Edith, deceased; and Percival, deceased. Mr. Holland is an independent voter. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and of St. Edward's Catholic Church of Shamokin.

HARRISON RINGLER, of Milton, has been engaged as an insurance man for over twenty-five

years and has established a fine business in the borough and surrounding region, his territory covering about five counties. Mr. Ringler was born in Milton Nov. 14, 1842, son of Eli and Margaret (Tobias) Ringler.

Eli Ringler was born in Berks county, Pa., where the Ringlers have been settled since the early days. He became a school teacher there, later removed to Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., where he lived for a time, and thence came to Milton. In his later years he did day's work. He died at an advanced age, at Cogan station, Lycoming Co., Pa., and is buried in that county. His family consisted of eight children, namely: Rudolph; Elizabeth, married to John Humphreys; Mary, married to Sam Irvin; Amanda, who died unmarried; William, of Philadelphia; Henry, of Philadelphia; Harrison; and Ella, married to Milton Potts, of Harrisburg.

Harrison Ringler attended school in Chillisquaque township, this county. In his earlier years he worked among the farmers, later drove a canal team, and in 1859 went to New York State, where he engaged as canal boatman upon the Erie canal. During the Civil war he served in the Union army for three years as a member of Company D, 164th New York Regiment, Irish Brigade, enlisting Aug. 27, 1862; was wounded May 18, 1864, at Spottsylvania courthouse, Va., and was discharged on account of his injuries Jan. 2, 1865. After the war he located at Milton and was employed by the American Car & Foundry Company (then Murray, Dougal & Co.) there for nine years, after which he clerked for B. K. Haag, continuing with him also nine years. In 1885 he began the insurance business, in which he has established a large and constantly growing trade, doing business over about five counties in Pennsylvania. His office is in the Buoy block. His business has prospered through systematic care and intelligent management, and he enjoys excellent standing among those who have had dealings with him.

Mr. Ringler's first marriage was to Lydia Strine, who died in Milton, Pa., Aug. 3, 1891, the mother of three children: Harry, who died July 6, 1893, and was buried at Millinburg, Pa.; Grace, Blanche. For his second wife Mr. Ringler married Lillian McCollin. He is a member of the Methodist Church. Socially he belongs to the G. A. R. and the Union Veteran Legion.

MALICK. Among the representatives of the Malick family in Sunbury, Northumberland county, are Charles A. and Solomon E. Malick, both of whom are employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, holding responsible positions at that point. They are sons of Solomon Malick and grandsons of David Malick, and belong to one of the earliest families of Northumberland county,

which has been settled in this region since before or about the period of the Revolution. The Malicks are of German extraction, and the early spelling of the name was Malick or Mehlig, but it is now found in various forms, Malick, Malich, Mellick, etc. One Jacob Malick and five brothers came to this country from Germany, four of the brothers, among whom was Jacob, settling along the Susquehanna river in what is now Lower Augusta township, in the region of Sunbury. They were among the pioneers in that section, where their descendants are now very numerous, several branches of the family being well represented. There is record of three brothers, Peter, Henry and another who died soon after his marriage, leaving a widow and one daughter. This does not quite agree, however, with the Federal Census Report of 1790, which records Peter, Henry and a Widow Melich as heads of families in Northumberland county: Peter Malich had one son and six daughters; Henry had one daughter; the widow had two daughters. Among the taxables of Augusta township, in 1768, were David and John Malick.

According to one account, the Malicks came to Pennsylvania from New Jersey, settling in the woods in what was then Northumberland (now Columbia) county, at the present location of Lightstreet. At any rate, the pioneer Peter Malick lived there until the time of the Indian scare in 1773. The family were panic-stricken at the report that the Indians were approaching, on the warpath, and the men hastily got the horses together, the women collecting clothing, etc., which they tied to a young mare. The animal took fright at its unusual burden and ran away, and was shot by the Indians. Eventually men, women and children had to make their way on foot to Fort Augusta, at Sunbury, which had been built in 1756, and there the family remained until the immediate danger was over. It appears that Jacob Malick, son of Peter Malick, Jr., obtained his land in that region through the family's escape to the fort for safety. Peter Melick, Sr., made a will, but we have not found it on record at Sunbury. Peter Melick, Jr., made his will March 6, 1789; it was probated June 5, 1789. He bequeathes to his wife Mary "Mellick," and to children: Son John (double daughter Christiana shall have); son Peter (double of daughter Charity); son Mickel (double of daughter Margaret); son Henry; son David; and daughters Cristana, Charity, Margaret and Elizabeth. Some children died young.

One David Malick, born Oct. 4, 1759, died in 1834. His old family Bible is now in the possession of Mrs. William F. Keefer, of Sunbury, a distant relative of the Malicks, her mother having been a Malick.

Jacob Malick, son of Peter, Jr. (he is not mentioned in will among children of Peter, Jr.), had a number of brothers and sisters, among them

Peter, David and Maria (who died Sept. 2, 1822, aged nineteen years, eleven months; buried at Augustaville Union Church). Jacob lived near Seven Points, in Rockefeller township, in territory formerly embraced in Lower Augusta township, and had a large acreage of fine, level land, the farm now owned by Levi Shipe. He also owned the land on Shikellimy Hill, on the west side of the Susquehanna river. He was a Lutheran, a member of the Augustaville Stone Church, where he was buried, and in the construction of which he bore his part, helping to get out the timber. He hewed the main girder on New Year's Day, the weather being clear and favorable for the work. His first wife, whose maiden name was Epler, bore him children: John, Jacob, Henry and Daniel. By his second wife he had children as follows: Jeremiah settled in Iowa; Mary married Jacob Martz; Charlotte married William Raker, a merchant of Trevorton, Pa.; Sarah married a Mr. Dottery, of Mount Carmel, Pa.; Hannah died unmarried, at Herndon, this county.

Daniel Malick (Melick according to tombstone records) was born March 20, 1819, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and died Feb. 8, 1891. He was a saddler by occupation, and lived about a mile above Seven Points, where he owned a farm of about one hundred acres. He is buried at the Stone Church before mentioned, and was long an active member of the Lutheran congregation there, serving as deacon, elder and trustee, which latter position he held at the time of his death. His wife Lovina (Raker), daughter of Jacob Raker, was born Dec. 1, 1824, and died Sept. 23, 1884. Their children were as follows: Alice, who is unmarried, lives at No. 603 Catawissa avenue, Sunbury; Emma (deceased) married Jacob Shade, who lived at Paxinos, this county; Darius is mentioned below; Wilson died aged four years.

Darius Malick, carpenter, of Sunbury, was born Jan. 16, 1857, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and there attended the public schools. When twenty-one years old he went to learn the trade of carpenter, at Seven Points; and he has been engaged at carpentry and other wood work ever since. For nine years he was employed in the Pennsylvania railroad shops. His home has been in Sunbury since 1887, and in 1891 he built the large home now occupied by the family, at No. 601 Catawissa avenue.

Mr. Malick's first marriage was to Susan Conrad, daughter of William and Ann (Bartholomew) Conrad, and to this union were born children as follows: Nelson C., who married Olive McCloy; Cordella, who died in her third year; Emmery C., of Philadelphia; Laura E.; Annie M., wife of William Gross, foreman of silk mills at Littlestown, Pa.; and Cora, who was adopted by Rev. A. J. Stokes, a United Evangelical minister, who had no family. By his second marriage, to Lizzie Hummer, daughter

of Joseph and Mary (Kase) Hummer, farming people of Rush township, seven children have been born: Effa, Alma, Preston (who died in infancy), Ruth, Sadie, Greta and Alton W.

This family belong to the First United Evangelical Church of Sunbury, of which Mr. Malick is one of the most prominent members and workers. He was one of the organizers of the congregation, and when the present church edifice was erected was a member of the building committee. When it was remodeled he was again a member of the committee, serving as its foreman. For seven years he was a member of the board of trustees. Politically he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Carpenters' Brotherhood.

David Malick, grandfather of the brothers Charles A. and Solomon E. Malick, of Sunbury, was undoubtedly of this stock. He was born in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, lived in the vicinity of Augustaville, on the farm later occupied by Harry Wolf, and was a lifelong farmer. He was a foremost member of Mt. Zion United Brethren Church, in Lower Augusta township, which was also called Malick's Church, so named after him, and he and his wife are buried at that church. Their children were: Sarah, who married George B. Conrad; and Solomon.

Solomon Malick was born in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, in 1832, and died March 20, 1882, aged fifty years. He is buried in the Pomfret Manor cemetery at Sunbury, which was formerly a part of the old South Fourth street cemetery. During his early boyhood Mr. Malick went to school only a few months each year, spending the rest of the time at farm work, at home or with neighboring farmers. Later he became a pupil at the academy at Freeburg, Snyder county, where he met his wife, Mary Ann Roush, daughter of Andrew and Susan (Adams) Roush, and member of a pioneer family of that county. Mr. Roush taught school, and Mr. Malick taught music and singing, conducting singing schools in Selinsgrove, Sunbury, and other places in the adjacent territory. Later he read law in the office of George C. Hill, of Sunbury, was admitted to the bar in Northumberland county and became associated in legal practice with George W. Ziegler. He was in time admitted to practice in the Supreme court and became a prominent attorney. His death, which occurred very suddenly, was caused by the bursting of a blood vessel while he was running for a train at Freeburg. His home was for the most part in Sunbury, where he lived many years in the house immediately back of the jail, on Arch street. He was a prominent citizen of the borough and filled the office of chief burgess for two terms. A Democrat in politics, he was well and favorably known in the party, was a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, and with his family

was identified with the Lutheran Church. He and his wife had children as follows: William W. was killed in a collision at Weigh Scales, this county, June 24, 1884; E. Laura married Gilbert H. Cobb, who is division freight agent for Pennsylvania for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and they live in New York City; Charles A. is mentioned below; Solomon E. is mentioned below; John F., a locomotive engineer, resides at Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES A. MALICK was born Feb. 24, 1864, at Sunbury, and there received his education in the common schools. In 1879, at the age of fifteen, he learned telegraphy, and has ever since been employed by the Pennsylvania Company. On Jan. 6, 1880, he became extra operator, being engaged as telegrapher until he was made train dispatcher, in 1887. He filled that position until promoted to trainmaster, in 1901, at Sunbury, on the Sunbury & Shamokin division of the Pennsylvania road. He has a number of men in his charge, and has proved a trustworthy man in every capacity, winning his promotions by efficient and conscientious discharge of all his duties. He is a well known citizen of the borough and has several social connections, belonging to Lewistown Lodge, No. 203, F. & A. M., to the Royal Arcanum, and to the Temple Club of Sunbury.

In 1890 Mr. Malick married Ida Weiser, daughter of Jacob and Martha (Potts) Weiser, and they have one child, Helen, who graduated from the Sunbury high school with the class of 1909. The family home is at No. 24 North Second street, Sunbury. They attend Zion's Lutheran Church.

SOLOMON E. MALICK was born Dec. 27, 1865, at Sunbury, and there received his education in the public schools. He began to assist in the support of the family when he was fifteen years old, working in a sawmill for about a year, and on Dec. 13, 1882, taking a position with the Pennsylvania Railway Company, as night call boy. In September, 1883, he was appointed night telegraph operator at Mainville, on the Pennsylvania road, later was transferred to Catawissa as night operator, and on July 1, 1884, was transferred to the D. Y. yard at Sunbury, on account of the vacancy caused by the death of his brother, William R. Malick. In the fall of 1885 he became telegraph operator in the superintendent's office at Sunbury and was promoted until he attained the responsible position of train dispatcher. In May, 1888, he was appointed extra train dispatcher, afterward night dispatcher, which position he filled about one year, on Aug. 1, 1890, becoming train dispatcher on the afternoon trip. On April 1, 1903, Mr. Malick was made assistant trainmaster on the Sunbury & Shamokin division, with jurisdiction between Sunbury and Lewistown Junction, Sunbury and Mount Carmel, Sunbury and Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes-Barre, Pottsville

and Shenandoah branch. On July 8, 1905, he was assigned jurisdiction over the passenger trains in this territory, this being his present responsibility. His position is one of the highest importance, and he has proved himself equal to its demands in emergencies as well as in his regular line of duties. His continued promotions are the best evidence of his fidelity and its appreciation. He is a Mason, belonging to Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, and is a member of the Veterans Association of the Sunbury division of the Pennsylvania road. He also holds membership in the Temple Club.

On Feb. 26, 1890, Mr. Malick married Mary Alberta Sarvis, daughter of Charles and Barbara (Wynn) Sarvis, of Lower Augusta township, and they have one daughter, Florence Louise, who graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1909. The family home is at No. 330 Chestnut street, Sunbury.

JOHN K. ERDMAN, though now retired from active agricultural pursuits, still makes his home on his farm in the Irish Valley, in Rockefeller township, where he owns a large and valuable tract. He has made his home there since 1885. Mr. Erdman was born March 26, 1841, in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of George Erdman and grandson of Johan Georg Erdman.

The emigrant ancestor of this family, Johannes Erdman, of Pfungstadt, Hessen-Darmstadt, came to America in 1734. Where he first settled has not been learned, but in 1750 he was on the property now known as the old Erdman farm, near Center Valley, in Lehigh county, Pa. His wife's name was Anna Catharine. He died Oct. 30, 1760, at the age of seventy-eight years. He seems to have had a number of children, but the lineage of only one son, Andrew, has so far been ascertained with certainty. This Andrew (Andraes) married Anna Maria Frederick, and they had nine children, namely: Jacob, George, Abraham, Andrew, John, Yost, Catharine, Sybilla and Anna Margaret. Of these, Catharine (who married Jacob Barnhart), Anna Margaret (who married George Sober) and Abraham removed to Armstrong, Westmoreland Co., Pa., at an early day, and their descendants have been lost track of. Sybilla married Henry Bitz and removed to Lower Mount Bethel, Northampton Co., Pa. Andrew and Yost settled in Hilltown, Bucks Co., Pa., and George in Upper Saucon, Lehigh Co., Pa.; he had two sons, John and Jacob. The Northumberland county branch of the family is descended from Andrew.

Georg Erdman, grandfather of John K. Erdman, was a native of Lehigh county, born Feb. 24, 1787, and was one of three brothers, Abraham, Andrew and Georg, to move from that locality into the Mahantango Valley, all settling near Klingsers-

town, in Schuylkill county, Pa. All three were farmers, and their lands adjoined. Abraham had, among other children, Benjamin and George; Andrew had sons Jacob, George and John; and there were also Abraham and Elias, sons of either Abraham, Sr., or Andrew.

Georg Erdman had a large farm, upon which he built a house and a barn, and his son Nathan succeeded him there. He died Aug. 5, 1858, and he and his wife are buried at the Salem (Herb) Church, at Rough and Ready, in Schuylkill county. He was a Lutheran member of that church. He married Anna Catharine Schneider, who was born July 6, 1792, daughter of Johann Nicholas and Anna Maria Schneider, and died Aug. 20, 1842. They had a large family: Daniel; George; Solomon, born March 19, 1822, who died Nov. 18, 1859; Elias, born Jan. 29, 1824, who died Sept. 24, 1856; Nathan, who died March 7, 1897, aged seventy-one years, six months; eight days (his wife Rachel died Dec. 1, 1897, aged seventy-four years, ten months, nineteen days); William; Lydia, who married William Kehres; Catharine, who married William Kehres; Polly, Mrs. Knorr; Dina, Mrs. Isaac Reback; Mrs. John Smith; Rebecca, Mrs. Michael Brown; and Harriet, Mrs. Moses Hartman, who survives.

George Erdman, father of John K. Erdman, was born in 1818, and died in 1882, at the age of sixty-four years. He is buried at the Blue church near Paxinos. He lived on the hill road leading from Paxinos to Shamokin, where he had a small farm, and he owned a tract of 125 acres at Bear Gap, which he rented. He was a devout church member, and held the office of deacon. His wife, Mary (Knorr), daughter of John Knorr, of Mahantango Valley, bore him the following children: William K., a carpenter by trade, justice of the peace and active in Democratic politics, who lived at Shamokin; Caroline, who married Joseph Kaseman; John K.; Daniel; Elizabeth, who married David Startzel; Catharine, who married J. B. Repley; Mary E., born in 1852, who died in 1873; Frank, a carpenter and contractor, who lives on the homestead near Weigh Scales (he is now serving his second term as a county commissioner); Ida; who died young, in 1863; George; and Albert.

John K. Erdman was reared on the farm. When nineteen years old he commenced to learn the trade of carpenter, in Shamokin township, and he followed that calling for twelve years, after which he returned to farm life, locating in Ralpho township. There he lived from 1871 to 1883, cultivating a farm of fifty acres which he sold, and for one year thereafter lived at Stonington, where he farmed as a tenant. In 1885 he came to Rockefeller township, settling on the farm which he has since occupied. He owns 212 acres, well located, of which 115 acres are under cultivation,

devoted to general crops. Since 1902 Mr. Erdman has sold his produce at Trevorton. Before that he went all the way to Shamokin to market. In 1908 he retired from active labor, but he continues to make his home on the farm. This was formerly the John Dunkelberger homestead, and earlier owned by a Yordy. Mr. Erdman is a highly esteemed citizen, and has received many evidences of the confidence his fellow citizens have in his ability and trustworthiness. While in Shamokin township he was elected overseer of the poor, and since coming to Rockefeller township he has been chosen to serve as school director and supervisor. In politics he is a Democrat. During the Civil war he served a nine months' term as member of Company C, 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He and his family worship at the Augustaville Lutheran church, of which he has been deacon and elder.

In 1867 Mr. Erdman married Annie Lewessa Reply, daughter of John and Rachel (Campbell) Reply, and she died in 1878, the mother of five children: Della, Rebecca M., Joseph E., Charles W. and Mary R. In 1880 Mr. Erdman married (second) Mary F. Vastine, daughter of Hugh Vastine, of Rush township, this county, and they have had nine children: Hattie C., Sallie I., Elenora B., Alice L., David A., John H. R., Peter C., Kimber H. and Frank C.

LUTHER E. ROAT, of Milton, who has been a merchant in that borough since 1894, was born in 1870 in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., and is the oldest son of Henry and Rebecca (Muthart) Roat.

Jacob Roat, Sr., his great-grandfather, was a native of Berks county, Pa., where the name is commonly found with the original spelling, Roth. In his young manhood he moved to Schuylkill county, Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life, dying about 1850. He was twice married, Jacob, the grandfather of Luther E. Roat, being a child of the first marriage, while David and Mrs. Cooper (of Danville, Pa.) were born to the second marriage. Mr. Roat's second wife died in Danville about 1890, at the advanced age of ninety years.

Jacob Roat, Jr., was born in Schuylkill county, and moved to Columbia county, Pa., thence in 1842 removing to Liberty township, Montour county, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred at the age of 55. He married Margaret Heimbach, and they were the parents of seven children: (1) Philip, who died in 1872, married Kate Wirth. (2) Lewis, who died in 1907, married (first) Miss Jane Auten, who died in 1873, leaving two daughters, Margaret and Edith, and one son, Clarence. His second wife, Kate Stine, was the mother of two children, Wil-



liam and Edward. (3) Andrew married (first) Elizabeth Blue and their children were Frank (of Milton, Pa.), Emma (married John Billmeyer) and Sarah (married William Gearhart and has two sons, Charles and Harry). For his second wife Andrew Roat married a Miss Dye, by whom he had one son, Grant, who married Lottie Dietrich. (4) Phoebe married Henry Buss and died in 1908. They had children as follows: Robert, who lives in Battle Creek, Mich.; Ramsey, who married a Miss Glase and had a son, Clay, who married a Miss Weaver; Lewis, who married a Miss Billmeyer and has had children, Charles (who married Carrie Mohr and has three children, Gladys, Edna and Mildred), George, Mame (married John Rissel and has one daughter, Thelma) and Grace (married to Bruce Gold); Anne, who lives with her father; Charlotte, who married Alfred Bare and has two sons; Etta, who married David Watt; and Hurley, who married a Miss Houtz. (5) Mahala married Peter Billmeyer and has four children, Frank, Emma, Blanche and Harry. (6) Elizabeth married John Kelley and had children: Elizabeth, Audrey, Henry, Phoebe, Ida, Mahala and Margaret. (7) Henry is mentioned below.

Henry Roat, youngest son of Jacob Roat, Jr., married Rebecca Muthart, daughter of William and Lydia (Martin) Muthart, natives of Berks county who later settled in Montour county. Mrs. Roat had the following brothers and sisters: Martha, who died in 1906; Catharine, who married Joseph Y. Sechler; Elmira, who married Oliver Caldwell (both are deceased); and Augustus, who married Jane Clemens and lives in Kansas. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roat: Luther E.; William, who married Julia Hagenbuch and has one son, Paul W.; Lewis H.; George P., who married Elizabeth St. Clair; Annie, who married Charles Ruckle; Augustus M.; Blanche M.; and Frank, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Luther E. Roat was educated in the public schools of Montour county, at Pottsgrove Academy, and Williamsport (Pa.) Commercial School, preparing to enter the sophomore year at Muhlenberg College. For six years he taught school in his native county. In 1894 he came to the borough of Milton, Northumberland county, where he opened a notion store in the Piper block. The next year, 1895, he moved his business to the room formerly occupied by the Reise Clothing Store, and was there established until 1903, meantime, in 1898, enlarging the store. In 1903 he removed to the adjoining room, where he still has his notion business. In 1905 Mr. Roat purchased from J. P. Hackenberg the retail china store which in 1907 he removed to the room adjoining his notion store, at that time removing the partition between the two rooms and throwing the space into one large room. His business in both

lines has expanded to such an extent that he now requires the services of nine people regularly, with additional help on Saturdays. Mr. Roat has proved himself one of the most enterprising business men of his adopted place. He has not only made his trade prosper to his own advantage, but decidedly to the accommodation of his fellow citizens, and he has the universal good-will and patronage of the community. As a substantial, useful resident of Milton he is respected by all who know him. He is a member of the Trinity Lutheran church, which he has served for some time as member of the Council; is a Republican in political sentiment, but not active in party or public affairs; and socially he holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of America and the Grand Fraternity.

In February, 1896, Mr. Roat married Mame Hoffman, daughter of Jacob and Amanda (Shalter) Hoffman, who had a family of seven children: Ella; Mame, Mrs. Roat; John, who married Anna Ficks, who died in May, 1895, leaving one daughter, Mary, who lives with her aunt, Mrs. Roat; William; Harry, who married Mary Martz and has two children, Florence and Willington; Emma, who married Warren W. Moser and has one son, Ralph; and Charles, who married Blanche Coeur and has two children, Owen and Bernice.

HORACE L. FOLLMER, merchant miller at Watsontown, Northumberland county, has been established in business at that place only a short time, but he is conducting a well known plant built by John McFarland and operated for a time by Follmer, Fowler & Co.

Mr. Follmer was born April 12, 1872, at Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa., near which place his grandfather, William Follmer, owned a farm upon which he lived and carried on agricultural pursuits. He died upon his farm. Among his children were Adam, Peter (who is living on the old homestead), William, Amelia, Susan, Maggie and Lydia.

William Follmer, son of William, was born on the homestead in Lycoming county, and followed farming during his active years. He died at Trout Run, Lycoming county, March 27, 1910, aged seventy-four years, an honored and respected citizen of that community. He was elected prothonotary of Lycoming county and filled that office efficiently and creditably. He married Catharine Biehl, daughter of Peter Biehl, and to them were born children as follows: Ella, married to J. C. Fowler; Jennie; Clayton C., deceased; William, who died young; Clemine, who married Rev. C. P. Bastian and is now living at Keyser, W. Va.; Horace L.; and Margaret.

Horace L. Follmer attended public school at Williamsport, later was a pupil in the high school at Watsontown, and finally took a course at the



Williamsport Commercial College, from which he was graduated in 1892. After working three months in the mill he engaged in farming, first with his father and later on his own account, continuing thus for thirteen years after he commenced his independent career. During this time he was located at Trout Run, Lycoming county, whence he came to Watontown to enter the milling business. He leased his mill, which is on Eighth street, along the Pennsylvania railroad, June 4, 1908, from his father and widowed sister-in-law, Mrs. Clayton C. Follmer. This plant is equipped with all the latest and most desirable machinery, having the full roller process, and has a capacity of one hundred barrels daily. In addition to milling Mr. Follmer deals in flour, grain and feed, and he does a thriving business in both lines, his enterprise and good judgment being apparent in all his transactions. Mr. Follmer is a Presbyterian, belonging to the church at Trout Run. He is unmarried.

VAN KIRK. The Van Kirks came to this region from New Jersey, where the emigrant ancestors settled upon their arrival in this country early in the eighteenth century. The family is of Scotch descent, the name having originally been Kirk. During religious disturbances and clan wars the family left Scotland, fleeing with others to Holland, where the "Van" was prefixed to the name.

Matthias Van Kirk, from whom the members of the family mentioned in this article are descended, lived in New Jersey, and came to Point township, Northumberland county. He followed the business of freighter, conveying goods from Philadelphia to New York and other points. His children were born as follows: Sarah, July 16, 1792; Ralph, Oct. 22, 1794; Charity, Oct. 23, 1796; Elizabeth, Oct. 9, 1798; Mary, June 24, 1800; Joseph, Oct. 14, 1801; William, Jan. 14, 1803; Catharine, Aug. 22, 1804; Thompson, Jan. 14, 1805; Daniel, May 16, 1808.

Joseph Van Kirk, son of Matthias, was born Oct. 14, 1801, in New Jersey, and there in young manhood learned the trade of shoemaker. Coming to Northumberland county, Pa., he settled in Point township, he and his brother buying a tract of land which they farmed until 1860. Joseph Van Kirk then purchased the "Washington House" in Northumberland and moved thither. After a few years he purchased the site and built what is known as the "Van Kirk House" in Northumberland, the leading hotel there, and he prospered greatly in this business, becoming a man of means. Later he purchased what was known as the "Mansion House" in Chillisquaque township, this county, and moved thither, passing the remainder of his life at that location. He was killed by a train, at Milton, Pa., in 1885. Mr. Van Kirk was twice

married, his first wife being Caroline Hunsinger, his second Elizabeth Perry. By his first union there was a family of eleven children: William, John M. (who died young), Harriet (Mrs. William Robbins), Daniel B., Sarah J. (Mrs. Daniel Leshner), Mrs. Joseph Hein, Mrs. Caroline Woods, Ellen (Mrs. Yoxtheimer), Mary and Charles.

William Van Kirk, son of Joseph, was born Feb. 12, 1830, and received his education in the schools of Point township. He was a farmer throughout his life except for the time he was in the Union service during the Civil war. When the war broke out in 1861 he enlisted, and served for four years. He was first with the Heavy Artillery at Fortress Monroe, later a member of Company G, 188th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was wounded, and was in hospital at Philadelphia, Pa. After the war he resumed agricultural pursuits, which he continued to follow until his death, July 4, 1901. He is buried at Milton, Pa. Mr. Van Kirk was a member of the Lutheran church. He married Mary Perry, daughter of James Perry, of Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., and their only son was James W. Van Kirk.

JAMES W. VAN KIRK, of East Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, was born in 1857, in Point township, and there received his primary education. Later he attended the Philadelphia Art School, where he took a course in lettering and ornamental pen work, and he is an elegant penman, his work being exceptionally fine. He finds considerable to do in that line for the various colleges and high schools. He indexed the books in the county offices at Sunbury. Mr. Van Kirk has attained a wide reputation in his line and his services are in general demand. He makes his home in East Chillisquaque township, and has served that township as school director, and in February, 1910, was elected justice of the peace. He was a member of the board of enumerators when the census of 1900 was taken. Politically he is a Republican.

In August, 1891, Mr. Van Kirk married Mary Ellen Harner, daughter of Amos Harner, and they have had the following children: Oley H., Tameneund, Zoe, M. S. Quay and Edna D.

William H. Van Kirk, son of Matthias Van Kirk, was born in New Jersey in 1803, and came to Pennsylvania about the same time as his brother, settling in Northumberland county before his marriage. He had attended school only two days, but by thrift and industry, and close application to his work, he prospered and became quite successful, following farming all his active years. He owned the farm in Point township which is now the property of his son Charles M. He and his wife, Alvina (Huntzinger), daughter of Henry Huntzinger, are buried at Northumberland, Pa. Mr. Van Kirk died July 11, 1884, in his eighty-second



year. He and his family were Presbyterians in religious connection. In politics he was a Republican, and he served a number of years as supervisor of his township. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Van Kirk: Mary J., William, Lucy Ann, David, Susan R., John T., Emeline, Joseph W., Charles C. (who died when two years of age), Harriet L., Clara E. and Charles M.

CHARLES M. VAN KIRK, a farmer of Point township, was born March 11, 1854, on the farm he now occupies. He attended public school, and subsequently continued to reside at home, working for his father until the latter's death, when, in 1885, he began farming on his own account. He has remained on the home place ever since, and has 165 acres of good land, devoted to general farming, in which he has been very successful. He attends the Northumberland market. Mr. Van Kirk has taken an interest in the general welfare and has served six years as school director of his township. He is a Republican in political matters. As a citizen he has the respect of all who know him, and he is regarded as one of the substantial residents of his locality.

On April 3, 1880, Mr. Van Kirk married Mary Minerva Gougler, daughter of Abraham and Caroline (Kelly) Gougler. She died in 1893, at the age of thirty-three years, the mother of four children, namely: Ada E. married Fred Epler; William O. married Sadie Orner; George E. married Mary Neidig; Lottie A. married John Baird. In 1897 Mr. Van Kirk married (second) Ida Bell Gougler, a cousin of his first wife, and daughter of George Gougler, who lives near Port Treverton, Pa. Three children have been born to this union: Mary G., Dorothy and Charles Richard.

GEORGE H. DAGLE, a farmer in the Tuckahoe Valley, in Point township, Northumberland county, was born Feb. 29, 1868, in Chapman township, Snyder Co., Pa., son of John Frederick Dagle.

John Frederick Dagle was born April 8, 1836, in Germany, and came to America when sixteen years old. Settling at Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa., he lived there until March, 1870, when he removed to Point township, Northumberland county, making his home on the farm now owned by his son George H. Dagle. He was a blacksmith, and followed his trade in Snyder county and also after settling in Point township, where he was a successful farmer. Mr. Dagle retired in 1904, after which he lived at Milton, Lewisburg and Northumberland, making his home in the latter borough at the time of his death, Oct. 30, 1910. He was always willing to give his services to the promotion of the general welfare and was an active and useful citizen, having served Point township as school director and overseer of the poor,

and he served many years as a member of the council in the Lutheran church, to which he belonged as do also his family. In political sentiment he is a Republican. He married Elizabeth Ertley, who was born June 15, 1838, and died Sept. 4, 1898, in her sixty-first year; she is buried at Northumberland. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dagle: Mary married H. F. Geise; Sallie married E. H. Luckhart; John is a resident of Augustaville, Pa.; George H. is on the home farm; William is a resident of Mount Holly Springs, Cumberland Co., Pa.; Charles makes his home in Sunbury, Northumberland county.

George H. Dagle received his education in the public schools of Point township, and was reared to farming, working for his parents until he reached his majority. After that he continued at home until twenty-five years old, when he married and began farming on his own account in Point township, as a tenant for ten years, until he was in a position to buy a place of his own. In 1904 he purchased his father's farm in the same township, a tract of 145 acres especially adapted to fruit growing. Here he has since carried on general farming, and his thrift and industry have been well rewarded.

In 1894 Mr. Dagle married Lillie C. Gibbons, daughter of James and Caroline (Garman) Gibbons, farming people of Point township, and to them have been born four children: Carrie E., Forest F., Jane A. and Mabel O. Mr. Dagle is a member and official of Trinity Lutheran church, in Point township. Politically he is a Republican.

GEORGE C. REESER, contractor of Watsonstown, and one of the most enterprising factors in the industrial life of that borough, has spent all his life in this part of Northumberland county, having been born Dec. 5, 1862, at Turbutville, son of James Reeser.

Samuel Reeser, his grandfather, was born in Berks county, Pa., and moving thence to Union county, Pa., settled in the White Deer Valley, where he purchased a farm and followed farming until his death, in 1876. His wife, a Miss Fegley, also a native of Berks county, lived to the advanced age of eighty-four years. They were the parents of a large family, viz.: Samuel, of Lock Haven, Pa.; Manoah, who settled in Missouri; James; Peter F., who is farming the old homestead place in White Deer Valley; Rev. Thomas A., a Lutheran minister, who was drowned at Salladasburg, Pa.; Isabella, Mrs. Jackson Hartcraft; Caroline, Mrs. Henry Shannon; Lizzie, Mrs. William Shade, of Williamsport, Pa.; and Emeline, Mrs. John Gerhart.

James Reeser, son of Samuel, was born Feb. 16, 1839, in Berks county, and died March 20, 1902, at Watsonstown, Northumberland county, where

he settled in 1873. He had moved with his father to Lycoming county, when a boy, and learned the carpenter's trade, after his removal to Watson-town finding work with the Watsontown Planing Mill Company, with whom he remained until his death, at which time he was one of the oldest employees of that concern. He married Mary E. Frey, who was born Oct. 24, 1840, in Northumberland county, daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Sauter) Frey, and died March 15, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Reeser are buried in the Watsontown cemetery. They had children as follows: George C.; and William H., a lumberman of Watsontown, who married Lottie Rose and has had three children, Edward (who died aged ten years), Helen and Frederick.

George C. Reeser attended the elementary and high schools of Watsontown. His first position was with the Watsontown Planing Mill Company, in whose employ he remained until the mill was burned, in 1899. He had been engaged in contracting, and when the firm reorganized, as a stock company, the same year, he became a stockholder and director, the business being from that time carried on under the name of the Watsontown Door and Sash Company. Mr. Reeser is still engaged in contracting at this mill, where about ninety skilled workmen are employed. In 1904 the plant was again destroyed by fire, the buildings being a total loss on that occasion, but they have been replaced by substantial structures and the plant is a large and well equipped establishment. The company enjoys a large trade in the leading cities of the East. Mr. Reeser has other large interests, being a stockholder in the Watsontown Brick, Clay & Produce Company, of which he was one of the original promoters. He is one of the most substantial business men of the borough, where he has gained high standing by uprightness and integrity in all his transactions. He has initiative and ability, and has made a success by the most honorable methods.

Mr. Reeser has no special political affiliations, voting independently. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and socially belongs to the Royal Arcanum and the Jr. O. U. A. M.

In 1887 Mr. Reeser married Margaret E. Crawford, daughter of Jacob and Emily (Guffy) Crawford and granddaughter of Elijah Crawford. Jacob Crawford, her great-grandfather, was a native of Montour county, Pa., and married a Miss Shirk, from England. They had three sons, Elijah, Kim and Charles. Elijah Crawford was born in 1796 in Montour county, and died in 1868. About 1827 he moved to Packer's island, where he remained until 1829, in which year he settled in Delaware township, Northumberland county. He was a farmer by occupation. Mr. Crawford was a member of the Presbyterian church. During the war of 1812 he served his country as a soldier. He

married Eleanor Voris, who died in 1883, and they were the parents of nine children, but we have record of only five, namely: Jacob; Priscilla May, Mrs. Daniel Blue; Sarah Ann, Mrs. John Good; Mary Jane, Mrs. Henry P. Follmer; and Thomas, of Turbut township, Northumberland county. All of these but Jacob were living in 1890.

Jacob Crawford, son of Elijah Crawford and father of Mrs. George C. Reeser, married Emily Guffy, daughter of John Guffy and granddaughter of Alexander Guffy. They had children as follows: Josephine, who married John Moyer; Ellen, who married James Schell; Allen C., who married Margaret Sheep; Ambrose, who married Georgiana Taggart; Margaret E., Mrs. George C. Reeser; Lou, who married Al. Cadwallader; and William.

ADAM BATDORF, deceased, who was a dealer in paints, wall paper and window shades at Milton, Pa., with his place of business at No. 17 Broadway, was a resident of that town for nearly half a century, and in that time proved himself a loyal citizen and upright man.

The name Batdorf was originally spelled Botdorf. Adam Batdorf's grandfather came to America from Germany and settled in Lebanon county, Pa. Benjamin Batdorf, father of Adam, was a farmer in Lebanon county, and from there came to Milton, later moving to Chillisquaque township, and there following farming and teaming. He died at Milton in 1887, and was buried in Harmony cemetery. He married Eva Stine, a native of Lebanon county, and their children were: John, Mary, Samuel, Amanda, Levi, Caroline, Adam, James, Catharine, Matilda and William.

Adam Batdorf received his education in the common schools and was first employed at farm work. He next spent one summer working in a brick yard, and then went to learn the painting and paper hanging trade, in Milton, and this engaged him for ten years. He became expert in his work, and his time was fully occupied. In 1873 he opened his store as a dealer in paints, wall paper and window shades on Arch street. Then after the great fire, in 1880, he built on Elm street. His last location was on Broadway.

Mr. Batdorf was a soldier during the Civil war. He enlisted first in Company K, 3d Pennsylvania militia, in 1862, and in 1863 he became a member of Company I, 37th regiment of Emergency men. In February, 1865, he enlisted in Company E, 74th Pa. Vol. Inf., for one year, and was sent to Virginia, where he was on guard duty most of the time. He was very active in G. A. R. circles, and in 1908 was elected treasurer of the Susquehanna District Association of the G. A. R., and re-elected in 1909. He was a past commander of Milton Post, No. 129, G. A. R., having been elected to that office five times. He was a past officer in the I. O. O. F., and at the time of his

death was captain of the Canton of that body. He married Sarah B. Kauffman, daughter of John W. Kauffman, of Milton. To this union were born: Maggie, who married W. E. Eckbert; Oliver J. O., manufacturer of the Good Samaritan ointment, for which a stock company has been formed and a large business being done; Clarence W., of Milton; Albert H., who died in Chicago; Annie W., wife of Frank W. Bailey, D. D. S., of Milton; Charles A., of Milton; Spencer, of Milton; and Harry A., who died, aged twenty-six years. Mr. Batdorf was a Republican in politics, and was unswerving in his allegiance to the party—an allegiance that began when he cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He died May 9, 1911, aged seventy-two years.

John W. Kaufman, father of Mrs. Batdorf, was born in 1795, and died May 7, 1885. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife Margaret was born in 1806, and died Sept. 5, 1882, and both are buried in Harmony cemetery, Milton.

BENJAMIN F. BOWER, a farmer of West Chillisquaque township who has a valuable place of 150 acres lying along the west branch of the Susquehanna, is a native of Center county, Pa., born Aug. 23, 1863, in Rush township. The Bower family was in earlier days settled in Berks county, this state, where John Bower, the great-grandfather of Benjamin F., was born. He died in Lycoming county. His wife was Elizabeth Bohn.

Henry Bower, son of John and Elizabeth (Bohn) Bower, was born in 1784 in Berks county, moved to Lycoming county when a young man, and followed farming, also working in the lumber districts. He was one of the early settlers in his locality. In White Deer township, Union Co., Pa., he married Elizabeth Wertzler, who was born in 1773 in Berks county, daughter of Jacob Wertzler (who died at Reading, Berks county), and came to Lycoming county when a young girl. Mrs. Bower died in February, 1836, aged sixty-three years, and is buried at the Stone Church in Brady township, Lycoming county. Mr. Bower died in that county in 1866, aged eighty-two years, six months, six days, and is buried there, at the Brick Church in Clinton township. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was a Democrat. Their children were as follows: Jonathan was killed by the cars at Montgomery, Pa.; Abraham was killed in the Civil war; Mary A. (deceased) was the wife of Aaron Wentzel; Jacob is mentioned below; Sarah (deceased) was the wife of Peter Swartz, a farmer of Dakota; Elizabeth (deceased) was the wife of John Huntington and they lived in New Mexico; Lydia died unmarried.

Jacob Bower, son of Henry, was born April 12, 1816, in Washington township, Lycoming county, and resided with his parents until he reached the

age of twenty-one years, meantime attending the local subscription schools for three months each winter during his boyhood, and working on his father's land the rest of the time. He then went to Black Hole, also in his native township, where he was employed by his brother-in-law, Peter Swartz, in a distillery, working there for twelve years, for ten dollars a month, at that time considered good wages. He and his brother-in-law then went to Clearfield county and purchased a sawmill, which they operated successfully for eleven years, after which Mr. Bower moved to Rush township, Center county. He lived there for several years, thence removing to Gregg township, Union county, in 1866. This region was then an unbroken wilderness, where wild animals still roamed, and he shared the hardships of life in such a region with the other hardy settlers who made a home there, in time becoming a prominent farmer of his district, where he is well and favorably remembered. He passed the remainder of his long life on his homestead in Gregg township, dying there Nov. 3, 1900. A man of sterling integrity and the highest character, he had the affectionate regard of all who knew him, and was greatly respected throughout his section. He was one of the oldest members of the Patrons of Husbandry in Union county, having been a charter member of Spring Garden Grange, No. 32. His first presidential vote was cast for Buchanan, but he was independent on political questions, supporting what he thought was right, regardless of party. In religion he was a Baptist, and filled office in his church. His death was looked upon as a public loss in the community.

On Feb. 9, 1851, in Morris township, Clearfield county, Mr. Bower married Elizabeth Haas, who was born Oct. 26, 1824, in Moreland township, Lycoming county, and died Jan. 9, 1909, at West Milton, Union county. Her parents, John and Mary (Baker) Haas, spent most of their lives in Northumberland county, but she was a young child when her father died, in 1828, and she made her home in the family of Peter Swartz for some time. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bower: (1) John H., born July 30, 1851, now a resident of Danville, Pa., married Maggie Gulich and has four children, Emma, Miriam, Elizabeth and Charles. (2) Abraham S., born Oct. 6, 1853, a farmer in Gregg township, Union county, married Hannah Gross and has two children, Retta and Elizabeth. (3) Lydia E., born May 3, 1855, in Center county, Pa., married J. S. Houser, who operated the old Bower homestead. (4) Charles W., born Feb. 5, 1857, a lumberman at Allenwood, Pa., married Tilla Kolbe, and they have three children, Francis E., George M. and Elizabeth G. (5) Mary M., born Jan. 16, 1859, married William Houser (brother of J. S. Houser), a carpenter.

ter, and they reside at West Milton, Pa. They have one son, Franklin B. (6) Benjamin F. is the youngest of the family.

Benjamin F. Bower received his education in the schools of the home neighborhood. He worked for his father until he reached the age of twenty-seven, after which he farmed the homestead for his father for six years. For the next seven years he was on the old Charles Wolfe farm, in West Chillisquaque township, now the Fonda estate, along the west branch, and in 1902 he located on the tract in that township which he has since farmed, one of the Packer farms. He has 150 acres of good land, all up-to-date machinery and conveniences, and is an intelligent farmer, keeping abreast of the times in his work, as his farm shows. He is well thought of in the community, has served three years as school director, and is a substantial and worthy citizen, deserving the respect he enjoys. He hauled the first load of stone for the Montandon high school. Politically he is a Democrat, in religion a Baptist, holding membership in the church at Milton.

Mr. Bower married Mary Elizabeth Huff, daughter of William Huff, of Union county. They have six children: Florence N., wife of John Keiser; Mary E.; Jacob; Willard; Homer and Carrie.

WILLIAM THOMAS JOHNSTON, D. D. S., a popular young professional man and public-spirited and progressive citizen of Milton, was born in Williamsport, Pa., in August, 1877, son of Robert G. Johnston. He attended the Williamsport public schools, and then entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a clerk, but finding his tastes led him rather into the professional world, he again turned his attention to study, and entering the University of Pennsylvania, was graduated therefrom in 1899 with the degree of D. D. S. In the spring of 1900 he located for practice at his present place in the Knauer building, No. 43½ South Front street, Milton, and since that time he has been kept steadily busy with an ever increasing practice. He is thoroughly at home with the latest improved methods, and his work is performed conscientiously. He is a member of Kirk's Dental Society. Fraternally the Doctor is a Mason, being a member of Milton Lodge No. 256, F. & A. M., and of Williamsport Lodge of Perfection, 14th degree. His religious connection is with the Methodist church. He is active in all work for the moral well being of the town.

Dr. Johnston married Hannah Lundy, daughter of Ezra B. Lundy, of Williamsport. They reside at Williamsport.

OLIVER S. BARTO, who owns and conducts the "Farmers Hotel" at Watsonstown, has been the owner of that establishment since 1901 and has

managed it himself since 1902. Though he had no previous experience in the hotel business he has made a success of the enterprise, so that the place has not only been profitable to him, but a credit to the borough. Mr. Barto is a native of Turbutville, Northumberland county, born Feb. 19, 1874, and comes of a family which has long been established in Pennsylvania, Berks county having been the home of his ancestors for several generations.

The Bartos are of French Huguenot extraction, the French form of the name being Perdeau. Three of the name came to America in the early days, one John Barto locating in Berks county, Pa., in 1730, Isaac Barto prior to 1750 and Nicholas Barto in 1773. The Isaac Barto mentioned was a large taxable in Oley township, Berks county, in 1759, in which year he paid £14 tax. His descendants are still living in Washington township, that county. Some time prior to 1735 Jean Peardeau located in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, where he died at an advanced age in 1770, leaving a numerous progeny.

Abraham Barto, great-grandfather of Oliver S. Barto, was a farmer of Colebrookdale township, Berks county. His children were: Isaac, who lived in Oley township, that county; Benjamin; and Susanna, who married Daniel Leinbach and lived at Friedensburg, in Oley township (both are now deceased).

Benjamin Barto, son of Abraham, was born in 1824, in Colebrookdale township, Berks Co., Pa., and lived there until his removal to Northumberland county, in 1857. Here he settled on a farm of 162 acres in Lewis township, one and a quarter miles from Turbutville, where he lived until his death, which occurred Jan. 29, 1898. He is buried in the cemetery at Turbutville. Mr. Barto was a member of the Reformed church and a Republican in politics. He was an intelligent man, and took an interest in public affairs, serving as supervisor and overseer of the poor in his district. His wife, Anna (Deysher), daughter of Jacob Deysher, of Pike township, Berks county, died on the farm near Turbutville Jan. 29, 1863, at the age of thirty-six years. She was the mother of twelve children, of whom we have the following record: Abraham is a resident of Montgomery, Pa.; Augustus D. is the father of Oliver S. Barto; Benjamin lives at Erie, Pa.; Hon. James lives at Jetmore, Kans., where he has served as judge (he has suffered the loss of an arm); Morris died Oct. 30, 1862, aged seven years; Anna married Scott Levan and they live at Watsonstown; Mary married Jacob Rovenalt and they live at Turbutville; Emma married George Williams, of Turbutville; Amanda married William Phillips and lives at Montgomery, Pennsylvania.

Augustus D. Barto was born Jan. 13, 1846, in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., and received his

early education in the local schools. He was reared on the farm, there and in Northumberland county, coming with his parents to Lewis township April 4, 1857, when he was a boy of eleven. He worked for his father up to the time of his enlistment, Nov. 16, 1863, at Reading, for service in the regular army, joining Company F, 2d Battalion, 15th United States Infantry, for five years. During the early part of his term he was in the Civil war, participating in Sherman's famous march to the sea, from April, 1864, to Sept. 1, 1864. For the last eighteen months of his service he was a corporal, and he was honorably discharged Nov. 16, 1868.

Returning home at the close of his military service, Mr. Barto engaged at laboring work and lime burning until 1879, after which he was employed on public works for a few years. From Sept. 3, 1883, to April 2, 1910, he worked for the Wagner Planing Mill Company at Watontown, in which borough he is now living in retirement. He owns his home there and is comfortably situated. Mr. Barto is an independent voter, and in religious matters he and his family are identified with the Lutheran church. He is a member of Bryson Post, No. 225, G. A. R., of Watontown.

On June 14, 1870, Mr. Barto married Caroline E. Schook, daughter of Philip and Susan (Sandy) Schook, whose family consisted of thirteen children, namely: John, who is deceased; Benjamin, of Elmira, N. Y.; Lewis, of Horseheads, N. Y.; David, of Williamsport, Pa.; Philip, of Muncy, Pa.; William, of Watontown; Rebecca, Mrs. William High; Matilda, Mrs. Sol. Stein; Sarah and Mary, who are unmarried and live together; Caroline E., Mrs. Barto; Susan, deceased; and Catharine, Mrs. Jacob Weaver. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barto: Susan A. is the wife of Robert Merrell and they live at Watontown; Sallie is married to Frank Leform and lives at Montgomery, Pa.; Oliver S. lives at Watontown; Isaac is a resident of Williamsport, Pa.; Tillie is the wife of Henry Henshaw, of Newberry, Pa.; Harry is a resident of South Williamsport; Rachel married Fred Davis and they live at Plymouth, Pa.; Edward is a resident of Muncy, Pa.; Myrtle married George Hoff and lives at Milton, Pa.; Laura is unmarried.

Oliver S. Barto was educated in the public and high schools of Watontown, and when fifteen years old began working in the planing mill at Watontown. He was thus engaged for about fourteen years in succession, and since 1902 has been engaged in conducting the "Farmers Hotel," which he purchased in 1901 from the McNulty estate. The hotel is located on upper Main street, and is an old-established stand. It contains twenty-three rooms, comfortably furnished and well equipped, and is run along modern lines, Mr. Barto taking a genuine interest in the welfare and comfort

of his guests, who show their appreciation of his solicitude by continued patronage. He has done well in this venture, to which he has applied his best energies, and is widely acquainted, not only in a business way, but also socially, being a member of a number of organizations. He belongs to the Sons of Veterans, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and, in business, to the Liquor Dealers Association. Politically he is a Republican.

On April 5, 1896, Mr. Barto married Carrie L. Evans, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Croft) Evans, late of Milton. Her father was a native of Wales. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Barto.

SAMUEL H. WEISER, of East Chillisquaque township, has lived on his farm near Pottsgrove since 1906 and has been a resident of this section of Northumberland county from boyhood. He was born Aug. 29, 1871, at Buffalo Cross Roads, Union Co., Pa., son of Joshua Weiser and grandson of George W. Weiser, and belongs to the numerous posterity of the celebrated Conrad Weiser, well represented in this region.

George W. Weiser lived at Red Bank, near Mifflinburg, in Union county, Pa., and is buried there. He had a brother Joshua, but further than that we have nothing to show his line of descent from Conrad Weiser. On Dec. 26, 1841, George W. Weiser married Susanna Boller, and their children were born as follows: George W., May 9, 1842; Joshua, Nov. 18, 1844; Hannah C., Dec. 21, 1845; Henry, Sept. 18, 1847 (he married Jane Oberdorf and they had two children, Amos and Gertrude, the former now deceased; they reside at Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa.); John, May 17, 1849; Abraham, Dec. 19, 1850; Benjamin F., April 19, 1853; Anna Maria, Sept. 21, 1855.

Joshua Weiser, son of George W., was born Nov. 18, 1844, in Center county, Pa., was engaged at day labor throughout his life, and died in May, 1904; he is buried at Buffalo Cross Roads, Union county. He married Susan Campbell, who died in 1900 and is buried at Buffalo Cross Roads. They were the parents of children as follows: Abraham, Elmer, Samuel H., Sarah, Jennie, George, Mazie (Mrs. F. A. Raback), Elizabeth and Cyrus (died in infancy).

Samuel H. Weiser attended public school in Kelly township, Union county, and after coming to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, was a student at Pottsgrove Academy. He has always followed farming. For eight years he did farm work for John W. Frederick, of Chillisquaque township, and then followed farming on his own account for eight years, on the W. A. Montgomery farm, after which he was on the William H. Koch farm before coming to his present place, in 1906. He has a fine farm stock, and his

property is in excellent condition, showing intelligent and thrifty management. His equipment is as good as that of any farmer in this section. Mr. Weiser has been active in local matters, has served as inspector of elections, and is a prominent member of the Pottsgrove Presbyterian church, of which he has been a trustee for the past ten years. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Weiser married Annie Mack, daughter of William and Catharine (Frederick) Mack, and they have had one son, George M., who died Oct. 29, 1909.

Most of the Weisers in Northumberland county are descended from the celebrated Conrad Weiser, patriot, statesman, philosopher, maker of treaties and Indian interpreter, who in the latter capacity especially—he was official interpreter from 1732 until his death—was intimately connected with the making of history in Pennsylvania in his day. A friend of the Indian, one found equally worthy of confidence by his own race, with the necessary knowledge and qualities of leadership required to sustain the influence he gained by success in his early transactions between the two races, he was one of the comparatively few men of his time familiar enough with the Indian character, languages and customs to carry on negotiations intelligently and efficiently, and at the same time possessing a reputation which made him the trusted agent of both the red and the white men. His work has a peculiar value in the early settlement and development of this region.

Conrad Weiser was born Nov. 2, 1696, at Afstaedt, a small village in the county of Herrenberg, Wurtemberg, Germany, son of John Conrad Weiser, a local magistrate. In his native home he acquired a general education, which included the principles of the Christian religion according to the teachings of Martin Luther. In his fourteenth year he emigrated to America with his father and family, which included seven children besides himself, landing at New York June 17, 1710. At that time several thousand Germans were sent to America by Queen Anne. Shortly after their arrival they were removed by the governor of New York to Livingston Manor, to burn tar and cultivate hemp to defray the expenses incurred by Queen Anne in conveying them from Holland to England and from England to America. John Conrad Weiser was at the head of this colony, of four thousand Palatinates. Under the direction of commissioners they labored in the employment mentioned until 1713. Then, finding that they were existing under a form of bondage, they protested against the treatment and this effected their release. About 150 families of them, including the Weisers, removed to Schoharie, forty miles west of Albany. Their immediate neighbors were the Mohawk Indians, with whom the elder Weiser

was frequently in communication. A chief of the tribe who took a liking to Conrad proposed that the boy visit the Mohawk country and learn the language, and accordingly, when in his eighteenth year, he went to live with the Indians, spending eight months at a Mohawk town eight miles south of Schoharie. In this period he acquired a thorough knowledge of the language and customs and was adopted as a member of the tribe. Though strong, he suffered from exposure and hardship during this experience, having scarcely clothing sufficient to cover his body during the trying winter, and he was frequently threatened with death when the Indians were in a state of intoxication. Returning to his father's home at Schoharie in July, 1714, he lived until 1729 within two miles of the town referred to, engaging in farming and continuing to increase the Indian knowledge he had gained by acting as interpreter between the German settlers and the Mohawks. In the spring of 1723 many of the Palatinates, including Conrad Weiser's father, moved from the region because of litigation which affected the titles to their lands, and settled in the Tulpehocken, in Berks county, Pa., and Conrad Weiser followed them thither in 1729, locating near Womelsdorf. He was soon after engaged as interpreter by the Provincial government, his first services in this capacity being performed in 1731. From that time for nearly thirty years he was almost constantly engaged in this important work, and previous to 1760 he was the most prominent historical character in Berks county. He was the principal judge of the county from 1752 to 1760. Besides acting as interpreter at the various treaty meetings, he was intrusted with important missions to the great council at Onondaga and to the Ohio tribes, and throughout his long career as agent and interpreter continued to enjoy the full confidence of both Indians and English.

He was very active in the first proceedings for the erection of Berks county, in 1738, and continued his influence until the county was established, in 1752. He acted as one of the first commissioners in the sale of town lots at Reading, which was laid out by the Penns in 1748, and was prominently identified with the early movements for the building up of the town and in the development of its business interests. In 1741 he was appointed justice of the peace, which office he filled for a number of years; and when the county was erected he was appointed one of its first judges, acting as president judge of the courts until his decease, in 1760. Two of his descendants, both named George Weiser, served as associate judges in Northumberland county.

Weiser was one of the most prominent men in the French and Indian war, in which he served as a colonel, and his services were of great value

to the government and to the people of Berks county. His numerous letters indicate his zeal, courage and patriotism.

During the latter part of his life he lived mostly at Reading, but he died on his Heidelberg farm July 13, 1760, and his remains rest in a private burying ground on the place, near the borough of Womelsdorf. On Oct. 30, 1907, a tablet was placed in the west wall of the Stichter hardware store on Penn Square, Reading, by the Historical Society of Berks county, to commemorate the site of the Weiser building, which he erected at that point in 1751 and where he often met the Indians in conference. He accumulated a large estate, consisting of properties at Reading and lands in Heidelberg township and in the region of country beyond the Blue Mountains.

In 1720 Conrad Weiser married a young woman of Schoharie, and he was the father of fifteen children, eight of whom seem to have died in the years of their minority. His wife and seven children survived him: Philip, Frederick, Samuel, Benjamin, Peter, Anna Maria (who married Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg) and Margaret (Mrs. Finker). So many generations have elapsed since their day, and the posterity has become so numerous, that it would be a laborious and difficult, if not impossible, task to compile a complete record.

Frederick Weiser, fourth child and third son of Conrad Weiser, was born Dec. 24, 1738, at Schoharie, N. Y., and was baptized by John Bernhart von Duehren, a Lutheran clergyman, his sponsors being Nicklas Feg and wife. He settled in Berks county, in the territory now embraced in Schuylkill county, and is buried at the Klinger's Church, near Klingerstown, in the western part of Schuylkill county. It appears that at the time of his death, however, in 1796, he was a resident of Heidelberg township, Berks county. He and his family were Lutherans. One of the foremost men of his day in his section, he served as "squire" for a quarter of a century, and was a man of dignified bearing and rugged honesty, true to the noble teachings of his pious parents. He became possessed of considerable wealth, being one of the most substantial men of his generation. He was a farmer and large land owner in the Mahantango Valley. His will is on record in the Berks county courthouse. On March 10, 1798, the Orphans' court of Berks county appointed Richard Lea, Joseph Hiester and William Green auditors of his vast estate, which they found amounted to 6,052 pounds, 11 shillings, 6 pence. Daniel Levan, of Maxatawny township, was one of the executors of Frederick Weiser. In release as executor of the estate of his father, Frederick Weiser, Conrad Weiser in 1797 was given clear title by his four sisters (three of whom were married to Kehls—the latter's relations not known). By the death of Frederick Weiser his executors be-

came involved in a lawsuit with Daniel Womelsdorf over a mill property at Womelsdorf, in Berks county, bought in 1774, and sold in 1788. A large sum of money was involved, and the case was bitterly fought by the ablest legal talent in Berks county, the suit resulting in a verdict for Daniel Womelsdorf for 588 pounds, 14 shillings, 17½ pence. A balance of 5,219 pounds, 12 shillings, 6 pence was distributed among Frederick Weiser's heirs. His children were: Conrad, John, Peter, Eve Collins (who was a widow in 1797), Catharine (wife of Jacob Kehl), Hannah wife of George Kehl) and Sarah (wife of John Kehl).

Conrad Weiser, son of Frederick, was born April 16, 1753, and on Nov. 12, 1775, was married to Elizabeth Klinger, daughter of Philip. He died Sept. 19, 1804, and is buried at Klinger's Church. They had children as follows: Frederick, Jacob, Philip, Hannah, Mrs. George Hepner, Catharine, Elizabeth and Sarah.

Philip Weiser, grandson of Conrad, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., May 13, 1787, and died Nov. 16, 1863. He is buried at the Plum Creek Church, in what is now Rockefeller township, Northumberland county. He donated the land upon which that church is built, and which was in the heart of his possessions in that section, several hundred acres of fine land. His farm contained the best land in the township. He erected the set of buildings still used on that property, and they are typical of the substantial structures put up by the descendants of Conrad Weiser wherever they have settled. He himself did much of the work on these buildings, and he was an industrious man in all his undertakings. A staunch Lutheran, he was a pillar of the Plum Creek Church and its foremost member, being an elder at the time of his death. A monument marks his last resting place there. He was a tall man, well proportioned, raw-boned and muscular though weighing about two hundred pounds, dignified in his bearing, possessed a resolute will and held strong convictions of right and wrong, was educated and intelligent, and applied his energies to such good purpose that he became the most substantial man in his section. His homestead is now owned by John Philips. He was a Democrat of the Jeffersonian type and served as commissioner of Northumberland county. His wife Catharine, daughter of George Malick, was born Aug. 24, 1788, and died May 31, 1852. They had children as follows: George; Catharine, who married Henry Fasold; Solomon; Elizabeth, who married George Kieffer; Margaret, born Aug. 9, 1815, who married in 1844 John Snyder and died March 19, 1856; Sarah, born July 31, 1817, who married John C. Evert and died Dec. 7, 1893.

George Weiser, eldest son of Philip, was born on his father's homestead, as were all his brothers and sisters, and there spent his youth. He married Margaret Malick, who lived only two miles from

where he was reared, daughter of Peter Malick, of Lower Augusta township, and after his marriage moved six miles west of his father's home, in the same township, settling on one of his father's fine farms. This place, now comprising three hundred acres, is owned by Peter Weiser, son of George—of the fifth or sixth generation from Conrad Weiser. This farm is considered one of the very best tracts in Lower Augusta township. There are many historical associations about the place. A log house formerly stood there which was one of the earliest buildings in the section, was used as a fort or retreat from the Indians, and was conducted as a private hotel, many travelers resting there and finding safety as well as shelter under its roof. During the French and Indian war, 1753-1763, it frequently afforded protection from Indian attacks, the cellar with its strong wall being a safe place of refuge during the savage onslaughts. In 1857 this landmark was razed by George Weiser, who erected the same year the spacious brick residence now the home of his son and granddaughters. It is 40 by 36 feet in dimensions, with an addition 15 feet square erected since, two and a half stories high and surrounded with commodious porches. George Weiser was one of the substantial men of his section and one of its foremost citizens, but though a leader of public thought and progress he steadfastly refused to hold any office except that of school director, though he might have received many honors at the hands of his fellow citizens. He was a strong advocate of the cause of public education, was prominent in local church and social circles, and in every respect a worthy representative of a noble race. Through his influence the New Lutheran Church was erected in the neighborhood and he was virtually its pillar, paying the bills as they came in and helping the work along in many ways. He was of muscular build, five feet, six inches in height and ordinarily weighing 160 pounds, all bone and muscle. Politically he was a Democrat, in religion, as intimated, a Lutheran, and he is buried at the New Lutheran Church, known as St. Peter's, in Lower Augusta township. His wife Margaret, born Oct. 2, 1818, died Oct. 30, 1858, and she is buried at Mount Zion United Brethren Church (known also as Malick's Church) in Lower Augusta township; she was a member of that denomination. George Weiser's children were as follows: Sarah Jane married Augustus Rebuck; Mary Catharine married Carey Batillion; Peter is mentioned below; Jemima is the widow of Charles Fritz, the foremost citizen of Trevorton for many years, who died there in the spring of 1910, aged eighty-five years; and Margaret Alice, born in 1858, died in 1871.

PETER WEISER, son of George, was born Oct. 27, 1853, at the place where he now lives. He was reared under the parental roof and obtained his early education in the township schools, later at-

tending Missionary Institute (now Susquehanna College) at Selinsgrove and normal school at Elysburg. When nineteen years old he was licensed to teach by Prof. Samuel Shipman, then county superintendent, and for six terms was engaged as teacher in the local schools. But when his father died his plans were changed, his sisters requesting him, as the only son, to take charge of the farm, which they wished to keep in the family name, and he accordingly settled down to agricultural pursuits, which he has since followed. The property is a large and valuable one, an ideal modern farm, with model barns, the most up-to-date and trimly kept in the section, and though much care and time have been bestowed upon appearances the business has not been allowed to suffer in any way, the land being fertile and under profitable cultivation. Mr. Weiser suffered a heavy financial blow in 1891, when his barn and sheds were totally destroyed by fire on Sunday morning, Sept. 1st; the big barn was filled with the year's crops.

Mr. Weiser is a Democrat and prominently identified with the activities of the party in this county, but he has never been an aspirant for public honors, the only office which he would consent to accept being that of school director, which he has filled for twelve years.

On Dec. 25, 1880, Mr. Weiser married Emma J. Riland, daughter of James and Maria (Wolverton) Riland, of Upper Augusta township. She died Jan. 3, 1894, aged thirty-seven years, ten months, seventeen days, and is buried at St. Peter's New Lutheran Church. Three children were born to this union: Cottie May, Anna Laura and Emma Blanche. The two first named graduated from the State normal school at Bloomsburg in 1906 and are now engaged in teaching in Northumberland county; Emma Blanche, who is at home, took a commercial course at Susquehanna University. Mr. Weiser and his family are members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, which he has served as deacon, elder and trustee.

SAMUEL F. PHILLIPS, senior member of the firm of Phillips & Son, proprietors of the City Roller Mills, manufacturing high grade flour and dealing in feed, grain, hay, etc., at Milton, Pa., is one of the truly self-made men of that place, and he has won a place among the substantial citizens of the county. He was born at Turbutville, Pa., Oct. 3, 1869, son of Samuel Phillips, and grandson of Adam Phillips.

Adam Phillips, the grandfather, was born Nov. 1, 1810, and died June 30, 1848. He early left his native county of Berks and came to Northumberland county by team, settling at Turbutville, where he followed farming. He married Mary Wurtman, of Berks county, born Aug. 25, 1810, died April 28, 1899. Both are buried in the cemetery at Turbutville. Their children were: Sam-

uel; John, who married Elizabeth Leiser; Israel, who married Susan Weidel; Daniel, who married Rachel Derr; Henry, who married Mary Strauss; Maria, who married David Fink; and Emma, who married George Westley.

Samuel Phillips, son of Adam and father of Samuel F., was born Dec. 16, 1830, and died Oct. 11, 1869. His wife Abbie died March 25, 1872.

Samuel F. Phillips had his own way to make in the world from early childhood, as he was but a few days old when his father died and but two when his mother, too, passed away. He was reared by his uncle William Strieby, of Lycoming county, above Williamsport, and there he remained until he was sixteen years old. He then went to Williamsport, and learned the milling business with the Noble Milling Company, where he worked for nine years, or until they sold out to J. H. Hays & Co. He continued three years with the successors, and then leased the Eagle mill in White Deer Valley, Lycoming county, which he operated for seven and a half years. He sold out and went to Blank & Gottshall, millers at Sunbury, with whom he continued for one year. In January, 1907, he came to Milton, and in partnership with Charles H. Witmer, under the firm name of Phillips & Witmer, leased the old City Roller Mill, one of the oldest mills in this part of the State. Mr. Witmer withdrew from the firm in April, 1910, and George B., son of S. F. Phillips, became his father's partner. They replaced the machinery with new and modern build, and have done a thriving business, both merchant and exchange.

Mr. Phillips married Clara Stahlnecker, daughter of Benjamin Stahlnecker, and they have one son living, George B., member of the firm of S. F. Phillips & Son. Mr. Phillips is a member of Watsontown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M.

FREDERICK SCHELL, late of West Chillisquaque township, a prosperous farmer who also gained considerable reputation as an inventor, was a prominent citizen of his section, where he passed all his life. He was born April 7, 1856, son of John Schell and grandson of Frederick Schell.

Frederick Schell, the grandfather, born in Germany in 1782, came to America with his family, the voyage, which was made on a sailing vessel, taking sixteen weeks. They settled in Northumberland county, Pa., where he took up land, having holdings in different parts of the county, among them the farm owned by his grandson, the late Frederick Schell. The tract as he owned it, however, comprised 135 acres. At that time there was an old log house on the farm, wherein he and his family lived. Late in life Frederick Schell removed to that part of Turbut township, this county, now included in the borough of Milton, and there he died in 1867. His wife, Catharine, born in Germany in 1779, died at Milton in 1865, and

they are buried in Harmony cemetery at Milton. They had children as follows: Catherine married Philip Derr; John is mentioned later; Margaret died at the age of 103 years, unmarried; Matilda married John C. Trinnel; Michael was killed during the construction of the Pennsylvania railroad through this district.

John Schell, son of Frederick and Catharine Schell, was born in Germany Oct. 29, 1819, and died Aug. 27, 1876, upon the farm where his son Frederick afterward lived. Coming to America with his parents, he farmed with his father until he was twenty-seven years old, when the father gave him his 105-acre farm, to which he added twenty-six acres by purchase. He lived on this property until his death, improving it greatly, built a fine house and barn, and was a prosperous farmer and one of the most-respected citizens of his neighborhood. His wife, Catharine (Derr), born in 1828, died in 1893, aged sixty-five years, nine months, twenty-two days. They were the parents of the following children: (1) Mary married William Smith, and her children were Catharine, Carrie, John, Cleveland and Martin. (2) Frederick is mentioned below. (3) Catharine married Peter Bellas and has a son George, who is now in California. (4) Sarah died young. (5) John died when twenty-eight years old. (6) Lizzie A., born March 26, 1863, died July 8, 1907. (7) Louisa married Albert Snyder, and they have had children, May, Eva (deceased), Fred, Jacob and Velma. (8) Ida died when sixteen years old. (9) Charles married Laura Wagner, and they had three children, Pearl (married to William Osmer), Flora and Andrew C. (who after his mother's death was reared by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schell). For his second wife Charles Schell married Anna Yarnison, and they have had three children, Robert, George and Ralph, the last named deceased.

Frederick Schell obtained his education in the public schools and continued to work for his father until the latter's death. He then farmed the old place three years for his mother, and in 1883 bought out the interests of his brothers and sisters in the property, which afterward belonged to him. It is one of the finest farm places in the valley, consisting at present of about 125 acres, under profitable cultivation. Mr. Schell's farming operations were conducted in the most intelligent manner approved by modern agriculturists, his excellent work and good results entitling him to a place among the leading farmers of his section. He was the inventor of an agricultural implement known as Schell's subsoiler, a plow attachment of obvious value simple in construction, convenient to use, and also possessing labor-saving qualities which recommend it to the modern farmer.

On June 12, 1878, Mr. Schell married Hannah L. McWilliams, daughter of Cruser McWilliams,

and they have four children: Harry C. married Emma Fetter and has two sons, Frederick and Harry C.; Susan B. attended school at Bloom and taught three terms in Montour county, and she also taught three terms in her native county, teaching the local school, in East Chillisquaque township, until her marriage, April 18, 1911, to Clyde M. Taylor; Catharine E. attended the Pottsgrove Academy and Kelly's Business College, at Lewisburg, and is now at home; John F. married Lizzie Springer, and they are now living at Pottsgrove. The family are Lutherans in religious faith. Mr. Schell was a Democrat, and served his township three years in the capacity of school director. He died Dec. 27, 1909.

John McWilliams, grandfather of Mrs. Schell, married a Miss Crusier. He was of Scotch-Irish extraction. Crusier McWilliams, son of John, married Susanna Rissel, daughter of Jacob S. and Elizabeth (Diehl) Rissel, and they were highly respected farming people of their community. They had children as follows: John W., of Whitehall, Pa.; Elizabeth A., Mrs. Jonathan Foust; Jacob R., who died when four years old; Hannah L., widow of Frederick Schell; Michael R., an extensive farmer of Nebraska, owning over six hundred acres of land; Mary A., who married Benton Runyon, and died at Jersey Shore, leaving one son, Raymond; William D., secretary of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of Milton, who lives in Milton; Martha E., deceased, who married George Hunty; and Jennie, who is married to John Montgomery and resides at Pottsgrove.

H. BRYSON MONTGOMERY, who holds an important place in the business world of Milton, Pa., as the owner of one of the largest sand beds in Northumberland county, comes of substantial Scotch-Irish ancestry.

James Montgomery, his grandfather, was a native of the North of Ireland, and became a sea captain. After some years spent in that calling he came to America, about 1760, and became the owner of a tract of land in Montour county, Pa., along the Chillisquaque creek. He was an energetic man, active in work for the improvement of his county, and he became one of the founders of the Chillisquaque Presbyterian Church. He was first married to a Miss Sheddon, and second to a Mrs. Burns (born Harvey).

Hugh R. Montgomery, son of James, was born in Montour county in 1819. He was a farmer by occupation, and became prominent in public life, working faithfully with the Democratic party. For nearly thirty years he held the office of justice of the peace, and he was also overseer of the poor. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian. He died in 1881, survived by his wife, Sarah S. Moll, daughter of Daniel F. and Mary (Seidel) Moll. Nine children were born to them, as follows:

James R., a physician at Buckhorn, Pa.; John S., a merchant at Pottsgrove; Mary E., who married Charles N. Marsh, of Milton; Sarah A., who married William Eckman, a farmer in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county; Daniel M., a merchant at Pottsgrove; William A., a farmer, the owner of the old homestead; H. Bryson; Clara B.; and Alice Jane, who married Rev. William B. Sheddon.

H. Bryson Montgomery, son of Hugh R., was born Aug. 27, 1868, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa. He received a good common school education, and in his young manhood became interested in photography, a line he followed for some years in Milton. Naturally artistic, he soon gained a wide reputation for good work, but some time after his marriage he and his father-in-law—in 1903—purchased the island located between Milton and West Milton from Ex-Sheriff John Noirconk. This island contains about seventy acres, fifty of which are under cultivation. In 1906 Mr. Montgomery bought out his father-in-law's interest, and has since developed the sand bank, shipping from 250 to 300 earloads of sand a year. He has sold out his photographic studio, Mr. Swanger becoming his successor, and now devotes all of his time to his sand business. Mr. Montgomery still owns the property in which the studio is located, and he has other real estate interests. He is very prominent in local affairs, a man of good judgment and of fine executive ability.

On March 20, 1895, Mr. Montgomery was united in marriage with Sarah A. Billmeyer, daughter of Henry and Hannah Flora Billmeyer. They have no children.

KOCH. There were a number of Kochs in Chillisquaque township and that section of Northumberland county descended from the brothers Adam and Daniel Koch, the latter of whom came hither from Northampton county in the early days. John Koch, the first of this family in America, came to Northampton county in 1773, settling near Easton.

Adam Koch, grandfather of William H. Koch (a retired farmer of Chillisquaque township now living at Pottsgrove), lived at Petersville, Northampton county, and followed farming for some years. He was an intelligent man, well read for the times, and served for a long time as a justice of the peace. He had three brothers, John, Daniel and Rev. Henry. Adam Koch married Elizabeth Strauss, a native of Northampton county, who survived him some years, his death occurring in 1870. They were the parents of the following children: Christian, Mrs. Hoffman; Mary Ann, Mrs. Sel-freez; Susan, Mrs. Noll; Elizabeth, Mrs. D. Rice; Jonas; and Reuben, William, Henry and Jacob, all of whom lived in Northampton county.

Jonas Koch, son of Adam, was born Dec. 26, 1807, in Northampton county, and was baptized

March 6, 1808, his godparents being John and Catherine Koch. When a young man, while still residing in Northampton county, he drove a four-horse stagecoach, carrying mail and passengers between the towns of Bath, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Siegfried. This was before there were any railroads in this section. Coming to Northumberland county in 1836 he went to farming in Chillisquaque township, where he remained six years. Moving thence to Lewis township, same county, he lived in Fort Rice, where his son William was born. He remained there seven years. In 1850 he moved onto the Giffee farm, where he lived one year, and in 1851 purchased the farm in Chillisquaque township upon which he spent the remainder of his days. In 1856 he built the house, in 1857 the barn, and in 1858 the large shed. The buildings have since been enlarged by his son William, the present owner of the property. Mr. Koch was a progressive man, a leader in his community, served as school director for a number of years, and filled other township offices. He was a consistent member of the Reformed Church. His wife, Leah (Bachman), daughter of John F. and Catherine (Cole) Bachman, was born Aug. 23, 1814, and died Feb. 16, 1899. The Bachmans were natives of Northampton county, Pa., where the ancestors of the family settled about 1773. John F. Bachman was born Nov. 3, 1783, and died in January, 1845; his wife Catherine (Cole) was born Feb. 29, 1788, and died July 16, 1852. They came with their family to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, in 1836. To Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Koch were born three children: Mary Ann, who married C. M. Rissel and had a son Jonas; Elizabeth, who married J. H. Cawley; and William H.

WILLIAM H. KOCH was born July 28, 1845, in Chillisquaque township, and spent his early life on his father's farm. His early education was acquired in the public schools of his native township, and he later attended the Milton high school, Limestoneville Academy (under the tuition of Rev. Mr. Court) and the Milton Academy (under Rev. Mr. Wyley). When seventeen years of age he began teaching school in his native township, following the profession for eleven years there, after which he taught one term in Montour county, at the Mexico school in Liberty township. During the remainder of his active years he was engaged in farming. Upon the death of his father he purchased the old homestead, which contains 135 acres. In 1894 he purchased the William Waldron farm, in Turbut township, a tract of 135 acres. In 1904 he bought the home at Pottsgrove which he now occupies. In 1906 he relinquished the laborious work of farming because of ill health, which has left him somewhat an invalid, but notwithstanding this he retains his cheerful disposition and takes an undiminished interest in local affairs and general public doings. As a farmer he was wide-awake and

enterprising, in his agricultural work as in other matters being a recognized leader in his district. Mr. Koch has served his township six years as school director and was auditor for a number of years. He has been offered other offices, but declined. For sixteen years he was an elder of the Reformed Church at Milton, and he is a most esteemed citizen, enjoying the respect of all who knew him.

Mr. Koch married Mary L. Everitt, daughter of Asa and Susan (Adams) Everitt, and their union has been blessed with three sons: Jonas, who married Mary Frederick; and William A. C. and Franklin, who are at home.

Daniel Koch, one of the brothers of Adam Koch, above, was born in Northampton county, Pa. When a young man he came to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, following farming there until his removal to Milton, where he died; he is buried in the Upper cemetery. Mr. Koch married Christana Bachman, and they were the parents of the following children: Joseph went out West, where he died; Rachel married Samuel Reichelderfer; Kate married William Ritter; Charles is mentioned below; Samuel died at Washingtonville, Pa.; Levi moved to the West and died in Iowa; Priscilla died at Muncy, Pa., and is buried at Milton; Anna married Anthony Hipp.

Charles Koch was born in Northampton county, Pa., and was a boy when his parents moved to Northumberland county, making the journey with Conestoga wagons. He resided upon the home farm until he became of age, when he learned the carpenter's trade, continuing to follow it for some years. Later he began contracting and building, in Milton, Pa., and was thus engaged up to the time of his death. Mr. Koch built many houses still standing in Milton and the surrounding towns. He did a large business and employed a number of men. In politics he was a Democrat and became overseer of the poor while he lived in Turbut township, and when his home was transferred to the borough he was elected overseer of the poor there. He died June 18, 1889, in the sixty-eighth year of his age, as the result of exposure during the great flood of that month. His wife, Sarah (Hill), was a daughter of John K. and Catherine (Beck) Hill, the latter a daughter of Henry Beck. Mr. and Mrs. Beck were among the earliest settlers in Union county, Pa., and they are buried at Lewisburg. He was a grandson of Johannes Thomas Beck, who came to America in 1752, and a son of Henry Beck, born in 1748 in the old county of Hanau, who was married in 1775 in Berks county, Pa., to Margaret Wolfgang, and died in 1824; they are buried in the old cemetery at Milton, Pa. John K. Hill was one of a family of four children: Elizabeth (Betsy), Mrs. Boshan; Katie, Mrs. Werline; John K., and Daniel. John K. and

Catherine (Beck) Hill had the following family: Mary, who married Peter Wenrich; Eliza, who married Henry Wesner; Rebecca, who died unmarried; Sarah, born May 10, 1828, Mrs. Charles Koch, now the only survivor of the family; Henry; Elijah, and Daniel.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koch were born the following children: (1) Samuel H. lives in Milton. (2) Mary A., who died in October, 1904, was the wife of Henry A. Moll. (3) Anna C. married Meyers Brautigam, and they are the parents of Harry, Charles, Margaret, Elizabeth and Ruth. (4) Edward died young.

SAMUEL H. KOCH, son of Charles, was born March 12, 1848, in Chillisquaque township, and was educated in the public schools and in the select school taught by Professor Rhoad, later attending the academy at Milton. Then he taught school, in 1868. While a young man he learned the carpenter's trade with his father, with whom he began to work in 1869, at the trade, being associated with him up to the time of his retirement, when he began contracting and building for himself. He has been notably successful, having built up a business which entitles him to rank among the substantial men of the borough.

In 1871 Mr. Koch married Susan E. Strine, daughter of Henry and Eleanor Strine, and granddaughter of Matthias and Catherine (Welchans) Strine. Henry Strine died Dec. 30, 1892, aged eighty-two years, six months, eighteen days; his wife Eleanor died April 2, 1872, aged fifty-six years. Matthias Strine died Dec. 30, 1861, aged eighty-five years, seven months, eight days; his wife Catherine (Welchans) died Feb. 23, 1860, aged seventy-seven years, eight months, fifteen days. Mrs. Koch died April 15, 1903, the mother of one child, William A., who died Jan. 12, 1903; he had married Anna Boyle, and they were the parents of one daughter, Miriam Eleanor. Mr. Koch resides with his daughter-in-law and grandchild at No. 309 Hepburn street, Milton. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum. In political faith he adheres to the principles of Democracy, but he may be classed as an independent voter.

JAMES H. BEST, a prosperous farmer and truck raiser of Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, is a grandson of one of the pioneers of that township and himself one of its intelligent and respected citizens. His son, Samuel D. Best, is established in business in the borough of Sunbury as a dealer in general merchandise.

John Best, the first of this family of whom we have record, was born June 15, 1759, in New Jersey, probably in Hunterdon county, and was likely of Scotch descent. He had brothers James, William, Cornelius and Michael, and a half-brother, Daniel. On Nov. 2, 1784, he married Mary Haas,

who was born May 10, 1767, in Germany, and it seems reasonable, though it is by no means certain, that both she and her husband were of foreign parentage. However, the emigration in either case or both may have taken place in an earlier generation. John and Mary (Haas) Best had children as follows: Mary, born June 6, 1788 (Mrs. Rush); John, April 3, 1791; James, April 23, 1794; Peter, May 13, 1797; William, March 27, 1800; Eleanor, Dec. 7, 1802 (Mrs. Bond); Jacob, April 11, 1804. This family gradually scattered, some settling in New York, others in Ohio, northern Indiana and southern Michigan. The parents both died in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Best April 24, 1822, Mr. Best in April, 1839. They are buried in the graveyard in Chillisquaque, Northumberland county.

James Best, son of John, born April 23, 1794, in Hunterdon county, N. J., was a pioneer in Chillisquaque township, this county, where he settled in 1812 on a large farm now owned by one J. H. Work. He was a lifelong farmer. He died Sept. 17, 1847, and was first buried at Williamsport, his son John later interring his remains in Harmony cemetery at Milton, this county, where the Bests have a family plot. He was an Episcopalian in religious connection. His wife, Sarah (Kevitt), born June 26, 1790, was also a member of a New Jersey family, her father, Henry Kevitt, having been born there Feb. 27, 1767; her mother, Catharine, was born Dec. 24, 1770. To James and Sarah (Kevitt) Best were born six children, as follows: Catharine Ann, born Oct. 10, 1817; John, Sept. 11, 1819; Mary E., Oct. 29, 1821; Henry K., Jan. 24, 1824; Jacob H., Oct. 8, 1826; Sarah Jane, Dec. 20, 1829 (who died in January, 1905, at the home of her nephew, James H. Best, in Chillisquaque township). After the father's death the mother of this family purchased a farm of seventy-six acres in Chillisquaque township, which her son John conducted for her from 1851 until 1860. In 1855 she sold some of her land to the Sunbury & Erie Railway Company (now the Philadelphia & Erie Railway Company) for \$525. She died in 1868, and is buried in the family plot in Harmony cemetery, at Milton.

John Best, son of James, born Sept. 11, 1819, at Riverside, Northumberland Co., Pa., moved thence with his parents to Lycoming county, this State, where the family settled on what was known as the Judge Grier farm. He received his early education in the common schools of that neighborhood and later attended a higher institution of learning at Williamsport, from which he was graduated. He acquired a very thorough literary training for that day. From early life he had been familiar with farm work, and he was thus engaged in Lycoming county until he came with his mother to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, in 1851, from which time until 1860 he cultivated the farm

of seventy-six acres which she owned. He then removed to the Heburn property at Milton (now all embraced within the limits of that borough) and there lived until 1863, for the next eight years living upon a farm in Point township, the place now owned by William Martz. In 1872 he removed thence to Paradise valley, in Turbut township, where he died June 6, 1874. Mr. Best was a member of the school board in Point township, and served as treasurer of that body. He was a Democrat in politics.

On Feb. 2, 1854, Mr. Best married Caroline Hilgert, who was born May 25, 1829, daughter of Peter Hilgert and sister of the late Philip Hilgert, of Williamsport. The Hilgert family hold annual reunions, and in 1910 met at Milton. Mrs. Best died Jan. 20, 1896, and she and her husband rest side by side in the Best family plot at Milton. They were members of the Reformed Church. They were the parents of eight children, born as follows: James H. and Catharine M., twins, Dec. 8, 1855 (she died July 29, 1856); Mary Ellen, June 8, 1857; Martha Jane, June 9, 1859; John P., Dec. 8, 1860; Robert R., Aug. 20, 1863; William W., Oct. 13, 1865; Elmer E., Nov. 21, 1867.

JAMES H. BEST was born Dec. 8, 1855, on the farm in Chillisquaque township where he now lives, and received his education in the common schools of the home district. As his health was poor his studies were interrupted considerably. He was reared to farm life, which he followed until the spring of 1877, when he went to Texas and found work with W. E. Mayes, in a mill, grinding corn and ginning cotton. He was thus employed until August, 1882, when he left because of failing health, and returning to Pennsylvania he again made his home in Chillisquaque township, where he was engaged as an engineer in the F. A. Godcharles nail factory for several years. After following farming a few years he resumed his work as engineer in the nail factory, until April 1, 1910, when he returned to farming. He has the homestead which has been in the family since it was purchased by his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Best, in 1851, and upon which she built the present brick house in 1852. It consists of seventy-six acres situated midway between Milton and Montandon, and Mr. Best has the land under profitable cultivation. He is an intelligent and public-spirited citizen, and has served some years as overseer of the poor in his township. He is a Democrat in his political views. He and his family are Methodists in religious faith, and he is serving the church at present as trustee.

On Dec. 24, 1877, Mr. Best married Mary C. DeBolt, daughter of Samuel W. and Caroline (Houser) DeBolt, of Lancaster county, Pa., and granddaughter of John and Sarah (McClauchlin) DeBolt, of Lancaster. To their union have been born six children, namely: Hedley, married to

Mary E. Shuck and living in Philadelphia, where he is employed by the Shipe Lumber Company; Mabel C., wife of John Fetter and living in Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa.; Martha J.; Samuel D.; Arthur N., a telegraph operator; and Merrill V.

SAMUEL D. BEST, son of James H. and Mary C. (DeBolt) Best, was born April 29, 1887, in Chillisquaque township, and there received his elementary education in the public schools. Later he attended the Sunbury Business College and the Milton Commercial College, taking a course in stenography at Sunbury, and subsequently became shipping clerk in a wholesale establishment in that borough. In 1906 he engaged in business there on his own account, first settling opposite his present location, at the corner of Fourth and Ragan streets, where he erected his present store in 1908. He has a large building, well stocked, carrying a full line of general merchandise, and has built up a fine patronage by obliging service and fair dealing. His business has prospered from the start, and his standing among the younger business men of the borough has been won by enterprise and commendable methods, which have been well rewarded.

On Aug. 8, 1906, Mr. Best married Bessie Blank, daughter of Daniel C. and Emma (Sensenbaugh) Blank; her father is now living retired in Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Best have had two children, D. Wardell and Elvira L. Mr. Best and his family worship at the Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM S. CLAPP (name also spelled Klopp and Klapp), now living retired at Milton, Pa., is a native son of Northumberland county, whose years of active work have placed him in such substantial position that his declining days find him free from care. He was born in Lewis township Oct. 19, 1835, son of John Klopp (3).

John Klopp (or Klapp) emigrated from France with his two brothers, the latter settling in the North and West. He himself located in Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., where he became a large land owner and where he died. He was the father of a large family, as follows: John (2); Abraham, who died in Berks county; George, who settled in the West; Jacob, who died young; Daniel, who died at Pottsville; Peter, mentioned below; Catharine, who married a Snyder; and Christian, who married a Naue.

Peter Klopp, son of John, was born in Berks county, and on coming to Northumberland county located at McEwensville, where he engaged in tanning for a year. At the end of that time he went to Union county, and there followed farming, and died at the age of fifty-eight years. He is buried in Harmony cemetery, Milton. He married Catharine Haag, by whom he had fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters: Reuben, Jared, Sophia, William, Sarah, Kate, Mary,

John, Rebecca, Daniel, Samuel, Charles, Delia and Ella.

John Klopp (Klapp) (2) was born June 22, 1784, in Berks county, Pa., and died Oct. 1, 1828. About 1818 he came from his native county by team to Northumberland county, and bought a farm in Lewis township, near Turbutville, where he made his home, devoting the remainder of his life to its cultivation. He married Elizabeth Kline, born Feb. 27, 1787, who died July 15, 1836, and they are buried at Paradise Church. Their children were: Samuel; John (3); Molly, Mrs. Raup; Benneville; Daniel; Kate, Mrs. Hoy; Sarah, who married Philip Raup; Thomas; Adam, and Maria, Mrs. Leinbach.

John Klopp (Klapp) (3), son of John (2), was born in Bern township, Berks county, Sept. 1, 1811, and died in 1880. He accompanied his parents to Northumberland county in 1818, and as a young man learned the carpenter's trade. Later he was engaged in farming in Lewis township, where he died. He was thrice married. In 1834 he married (first) Maria Glase, daughter of Peter Glase, and their children were: William S., born Oct. 19, 1835; Mary E., Nov. 10, 1836; Sarah J., Aug. 16, 1838; Margaret C., Nov. 4, 1839; Thomas L., Feb. 11, 1841; Anna L., Sept. 21, 1842 (died July 16, 1843); Angeline, Aug. 10, 1845; Emeline and Caroline, twins, Aug. 19, 1848; John D., Feb. 13, 1850; Maria, April 10, 1851 (died June 11, 1851); and Mary B. In 1852 he married (second) Mary Truckenmiller, who died leaving no children. In 1868 he married (third) Mrs. Mary E. McNinch, and to this union was born a daughter, Mabel. Mr. Klopp and his first two wives are buried at McEwensville, while the third wife is buried at Milton.

William S. Clapp received his education in the district schools, which he attended during the winter time, but as he was the eldest of a large family it early devolved upon him to assist in the family's support. He began farming on his own account in 1861 in Lewis township, but the next year he removed to Delaware township, where he was engaged in farming until 1879, when he returned to Lewis township and took up his abode on the old family homestead. There he continued until 1889, when he moved to Milton and opened a milk business, also doing some teaming. From 1904 to 1907 he was employed in the car shops, but since then he has lived retired at his home in Broadway, which he built in 1895.

In 1861 Mr. Clapp was united in marriage to Elizabeth Eshbach, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Rishel) Eshbach. Two daughters were born of this union, namely: Minnie, wife of John Y. Buoy, a prominent merchant at Milton; and Bessie E., who is at home. Mr. Clapp is a member of the Reformed Church, and served as one of the church officials while in McEwensville.

In his political belief he is independent of party, voting as he thinks best. For three terms he filled the office of school director in Lewis township, and two terms he was the acceptable overseer of the poor in Milton. He is a citizen who has won the respect and esteem of all who know him, bearing an untarnished reputation for honesty and integrity.

LINDNER. The Lindner family is of English origin, but the branch here under consideration has been at home in America through six generations. It is now well and worthily represented in Northumberland county by Francis W. Lindner, former county commissioner and a well known merchant now retired from active work and living in Chillisquaque township, and his son and successor, Harvey L. Lindner, dealer in agricultural implements, wagons, carriages, harness, fertilizers, seeds, etc., at Milton, with a branch house at Pottsgrove.

(I) Thomas Lindner, born in England, came to America long before the advent of steamships, and was several weeks on the water. He married in America, and later returned to England, where he died. His wife refused to take the voyage across the water, and so remained in America. Among their children was a son Thomas.

(II) Thomas Lindner (2), son of Thomas, settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he died.

(III) Samuel Lindner, son of Thomas (2), was a farmer in Schuylkill county, where he and his wife, whose maiden name was De Fran, are buried. Their children were: Martin, Moses, Israel, Charles, Samuel, and Lydia (married John Aret).

(IV) Israel Lindner, son of Samuel, was born in Schuylkill county Jan. 9, 1827, and died in Montour county, Pa., in 1901; he is buried at Oak Grove cemetery, in Liberty township. He was a tailor by trade, an occupation, however, he did not follow long. Later he engaged in mercantile business at Lindnerville, in Rush township, Schuylkill county, and there built a stone hotel which is still standing. He carried on his store and hotel until in 1865, when he removed to Liberty township, Montour county, where he bought a farm, following agricultural pursuits until 1883, when he removed to Pottsgrove, and there lived retired until his death. In politics he was a Democrat, and in Schuylkill county served as county auditor and as justice of the peace, receiving his commission from Governor Pollock, late of Northumberland county. He married Catharine Messersmith, daughter of Jacob Messersmith, and she survives. Their children were: Francis W.; Mary, who married Hiram Hagenbuch; Benjamin C.; Sarah J., who married Frank Coleman, of Milton; and Joseph, who died aged four years.

(V) FRANCIS W. LINDNER, son of Israel, was born Feb. 22, 1852, and attended the public schools of Schuylkill county, remaining with his father until he was twenty-one. He then farmed in Lib-

erty township, Montour county, for six years, and in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, for three years. In 1882 he entered the business world as a dealer in farm implements at Pottsgrove. This business he carried on until 1890, when he was elected county commissioner of Northumberland county, and served two terms, or until 1896, during which time he lived at Sunbury. Returning at the end of that time to Pottsgrove, he there carried on the mercantile business he had established some years before, and this he continued until 1899, when he resumed the implement business, conducting establishments at Pottsgrove, Milton and Watsonstown. He was very successful until his retirement, in 1907, his son Harvey L. succeeding him. That year he built his fine residence at Pottsgrove, equipped with modern conveniences that contribute much to the material comfort.

Mr. Lindner is a Democrat in politics, and in addition to his service as county commissioner, referred to above, he has been assessor of his township, and at the present time is serving as president of the East Chillisquaque township school board. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, while his wife is a Presbyterian. Fraternally Mr. Lindner is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Artisans, and he was a charter member of Sunbury Lodge of Elks, No. 267.

Mr. Lindner has been twice married. His first wife, Alice Van Horn, daughter of William Van Horn, died in 1901, and is buried in Oak Grove cemetery. To this marriage were born: Harvey L., mentioned below; Charles W., of Muncy, who married Cora Hunter, and has two children, Irwin and Desna; Alfred R., a salesman at Milton, who married Edith Trego and has a son, John; James C., a bookkeeper at Milton, who married Ida Compton and has a daughter, Isabell; Lee E., of Shamokin, a telegraph operator with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who married Lena Allender, and has one child, Alice; Francis W., a clerk at Milton, unmarried; and Margaret, who married Albert C. Dieffenbach, a retired navy officer at Philadelphia. Mr. Lindner's second marriage was to Elizabeth Moore, daughter of John and Catharine (Varis) Moore. She taught school for fourteen terms, and is an artist of considerable talent.

(VI) HARVEY L. LINDNER, son of Francis W., was born in Liberty township, Montour county, Sept. 24, 1876. He was educated in the Sunbury schools and graduated from the high school there in 1893. He began his preparation for the commercial world by clerking in Sunbury for a short time and then engaging as a traveling salesman, spending nine years as salesman for machinery and farm implements. He bought out his father's business at Milton in 1907, and since that time has been doing a large business, retaining the custom-

ers who had so long known his father, and winning many more for himself.

Mr. Lindner married Jennie M. Kent, daughter of Isaac J. Kent, of Milton, and they have one daughter, Anice. Socially Mr. Lindner is a member of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; of the B. P. O. E.; Artisans, and the I. O. O. F. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church.

ISAAC J. KENT, father of Mrs. Harvey L. Lindner, was born in Columbia county, Pa., Aug. 22, 1850, son of Isaac Kent and grandson of John Kent. The Kents were of English origin, but the family left England and settled in Germany, whence they came to America. The great-grandfather of Isaac J. lived in Northampton county, Pa., where he reared a family. John Kent, the grandfather, was a farmer and lived and died in Northampton county. His wife was a Hubley, and their children were: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Eve, John, Mary, Martin and Solomon.

Isaac Kent, son of John, born Nov. 10, 1804, died July 6, 1872. He was a stone mason and came to Northumberland county in 1853, locating in Turbut township, two miles east of Milton. In 1863 he moved to Milton, where he followed his trade and also engaged in farming. He married Rosanna Glass, who was born in Northampton county. Their children were: Anna M., who married William T. Crumb; Elizabeth, who died aged nineteen years; Joseph; Charles T.; Henry J.; Thomas W.; James P.; Amandus, and Isaac J.

Isaac J. Kent attended the schools of Turbut township, and learned the carpenter's trade as a young man, serving his apprenticeship at Milton, where he worked for twenty years. He and his brother Charles T. engaged in contracting. On Feb. 11, 1875, he married Anna C. Martin, daughter of John and Jane Birch, and their children were: Jennie M., born May 25, 1877, married Harvey L. Lindner, of Milton; Blanche E., born Sept. 12, 1879, died aged two years, five months; James E. was born April 21, 1892.

FRANK M. VAN DEVENDER, the subject of this sketch, was born in Northumberland, Pa., on Sept. 16, 1867. He was educated in the public schools of his native place, and in early life was ambitious to be self-supporting. For several years he was engaged in farm work during the summer and clerking in one of the general stores during the winter. He later secured a minor position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Northumberland and after some years of service was advanced to the position of chief clerk and agent of the Adams Express Company. During the last two years of service with the above company he was engaged in special work covering the territory



between Harrisburg and Renovo. He resigned his position with the railroad company Jan. 1, 1901, to take up the duties of register and recorder of Northumberland county.

The Van Devenders have long been resident in Northumberland county. Mr. Van Devender's great-grandfather, Richard Van Devender, having been a farmer in Rush township, this county, where he is buried at the old Rush Presbyterian Church. John Van Devender, his grandfather, was born in Rush township and when a young man moved to Point township, this county; there he engaged in farming. He married Mary Morgan, daughter of Joseph Morgan.

Joseph C. Van Devender, his father, was born Nov. 26, 1834, in Point township. In his boyhood he attended the public schools and assisted in the farm work, but in his young manhood he went to Northumberland and learned the trade of stonemason, which he continued to follow throughout his active life. He was regarded as one of the best workmen at his trade. Up to a few years ago when his health failed he was exceptionally strong and healthy, with a vigor and energy which many might envy. He was probably the oldest Odd Fellow in Northumberland and one of the oldest members of Eureka Lodge, No. 404, F. & A. M. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church for forty years. In October, 1862, he married Harriet E. Gossler, daughter of Henry Gossler, who was sheriff of Northumberland county in 1840. They became the parents of four children: Harry G., cashier of the Grange National Bank, Hughesville; John E., bookkeeper of the Milton National Bank; Frank M., the subject of this sketch, and Jennie G., who married Harry C. Holt, of Elrama, Pennsylvania.

The death of Mr. Joseph C. Van Devender occurred Sept. 2, 1910, following a stroke of apoplexy. The funeral was held from his late residence, and he was buried in Riverview cemetery. Honest and straightforward, Mr. Van Devender was a man of unquestioned integrity and liked by all who knew him; he was highly esteemed and respected for his many sterling qualities.

Mr. Frank M. Van Devender is an ardent Democrat and an earnest worker in the ranks of his party. At the age of twenty-one years he was elected a member of the Northumberland borough council and at the expiration of his term of office, even though his town is strongly Republican, he was elected chief Burgess—the Borough's highest honor to its citizens—for two successive terms. He also served as a member of the school board.

In 1900, he announced himself as a candidate for the office of register and recorder of Northumberland county. In November of the same year he was elected. His ability, impartiality and perfect fitness for the position were fully recognized by the people of the county in his three years of

loyal service to them and his genial personality, together with his ability to make and keep friends, found him at the expiration of his first term a candidate for reelection. He was nominated by acclamation and reelected by a handsome majority in November, 1903. At the expiration of his term in office he engaged in the work of public indexing.

Mr. Van Devender is a member of Lodge No. 196, I. O. O. F., of Northumberland; Sunbury Lodge, No. 267, B. P. O. E., of Sunbury; also a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Eureka Lodge, No. 404, of Northumberland, Sunbury Chapter, No. 174, of Sunbury, Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, Sunbury, and the Mystic Shrine, Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of the Northumberland Bureau of Industry and is always found in the front rank when it means the advancement of his home town.

JOSEPH S. REITZ, of West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, has been engaged for a number of years in market gardening, in which line of work he has made a notable success. Mr. Reitz was born in Jackson township, this county, Jan. 5, 1848, and belongs to a family of French origin now numerous in Pennsylvania, where it has been established almost two centuries.

The first members of the Reitz family to come to America made the journey in 1712 and settled in the Schoharie Valley. Having obtained the title to their lands from the Indians and not from the New York government, they were deprived of their holdings in 1723, and some thirteen families came to Pennsylvania, settling in what was then Tulpehocken township, Berks county. Among these were the families of George, Peter and Johannes Reitz, supposed to have been brothers. In 1759 we find one Daniel Reitz, Sr., paid 20 pounds tax, and another Daniel Reitz paid 2 pounds tax, in Tulpehocken township.

In 1790 Michael Reitz, a native of Berks county, came thence to Washington township, Northumberland county, where he remained until his death. He reared a family of seven sons and two daughters, all of whom lived to be over eighty years of age. Among these were Joseph H., Samuel, Henry and Daniel.

Joseph H. Reitz, son of Michael, was the father of Joseph S. Reitz. He was a farmer, also conducted a butcher business, and later had a general store at Trevorton, this county, until he died, about 1870. He was a member of the Evangelical Church, in which he was a class leader to the close of his life. He married Catharine Siders, like himself of Northumberland county, and she survived him, living in Shamokin. Their union was blessed with the following children: Susan (deceased) was the wife of H. L. Rogers, of Shamokin; Nathaniel, who became a merchant of Kan-

sas City, Mo., married Angeline Wagner and (second) L. Rothemal; Joseph S. is mentioned below; Isaac S. married Lydia S. Reed and had children, Lizzie, Emma, Rebecca and Wesley; Sedick S., a lumberman of Juniata county, married Judy Sholly; Sarah married William Zaring; William married Anna Fidler; Wilson, merchant and cattle dealer, formerly of Wyandotte county, Kans., now of Kansas City, Mo., married a Baker.

Joseph S. Reitz received his early education in the schools of his home locality, later attending the Union College, at New Berlin, Pa., for two terms, after which he taught school for one term. Later he removed to Williamstown, Dauphin county, where he remained eight years, during which time he served as school director of his township. In 1876-77 he ran the stage between Williamstown and Tower City. For two years prior to the death of his father they were associated in the general store business at Trevorton, after which he carried on a meat market. In 1893 he came to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, and commenced market gardening, in which he has proved himself a master hand, his success being proverbial in the neighborhood. He supplies all the vegetables to Bucknell University, Lewisburg, a trade which he has held for fifteen years. Mr. Reitz is a substantial and respected citizen, of recognized worth in his community. Outside of his private interests he is active principally in the work of the Methodist Church at Montandon, of which he has been a faithful member, having been class leader, assistant superintendent of the Sunday school and teacher in the Sunday school for many years. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Reitz married Lena C. Dunkelberger, daughter of Jacob Dunkelberger, of Hegins, Schuylkill county, and they have had a family of six children, namely: Kate married Adam Stahl and has children, C. Edward, Robert and Homer; Edward married Hattie Cummings and has children, Herbert, Lena, Robert, Elizabeth and Wilson; Jennie married Elmer Shaffer and has two children, Alma and Ethel; George married Ida Dawson and has two children, Edith and Dawson; Allen is at home; Howard married Esther Owens.

CHARLES M. LESHER, a foremost citizen of Point township, Northumberland county, was born in that township Aug. 28, 1836, son of John George Leshar. The family is an old one in Pennsylvania, and the name is of French origin, having been originally written LeShar, LeChar, Lescher and LeShair. The family was a numerous one and scattered to various Protestant countries after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. One Jean LeShair was a refugee to Ulster, New York, prior to 1700. Of those who came to Pennsylvania John Nicholas Leshar located in Skippack and Jacob Leshar in Providence, both in 1732. From one of

these came John Leshar (2), who located in Oley, Berks county, and erected extensive iron works in 1760. Several families of the name located in Lancaster county.

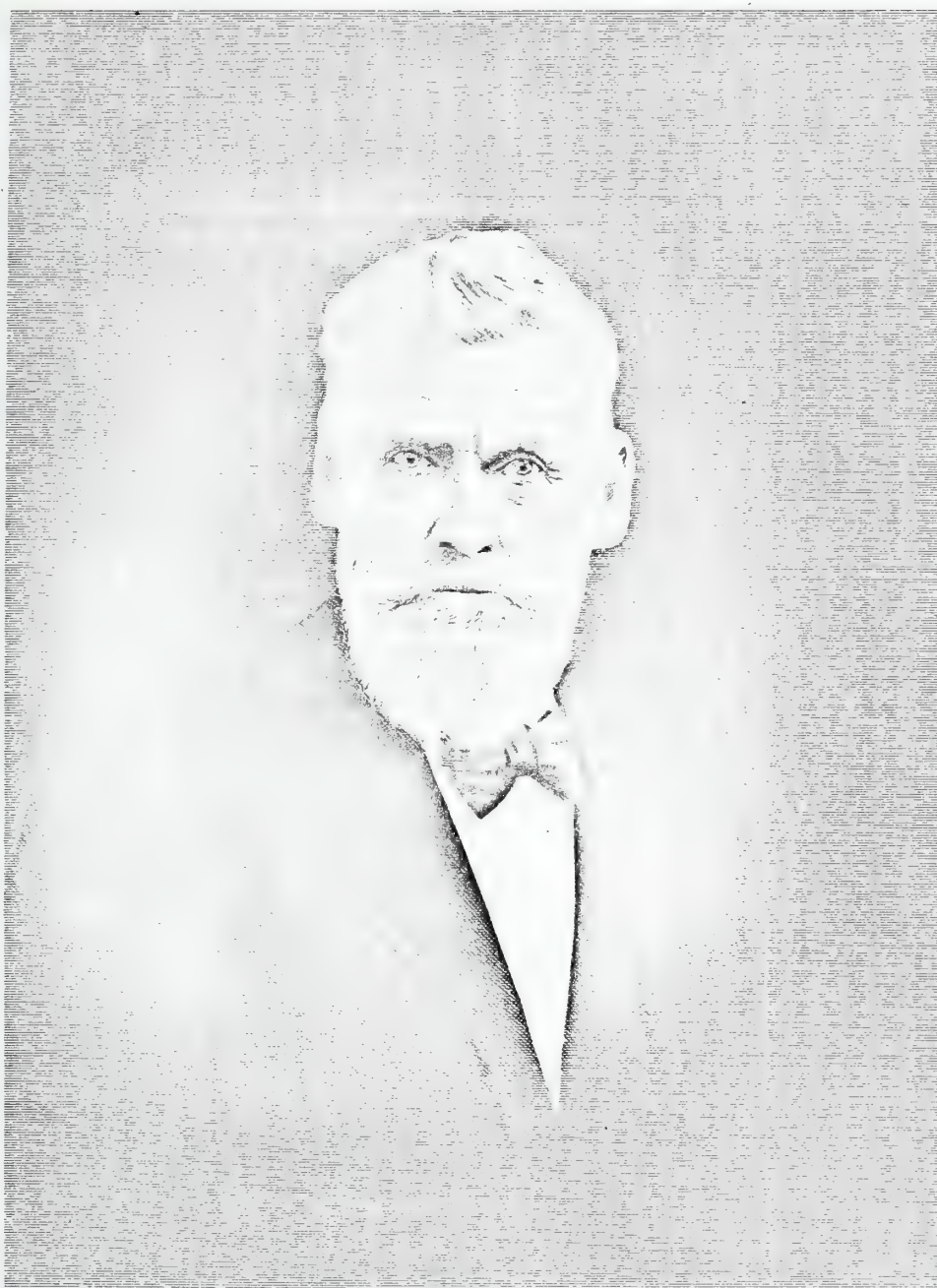
Johan Georg, grandfather of Charles M. Leshar, was a descendant of Col. John Leshar of Oley township, Berks county, and was born in that county April 6, 1768. He settled in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, where he followed farming, and died Nov. 1, 1823. He is buried in the Fairview cemetery, in this county, and the inscription upon his tombstone reads:

Adieu my friends, dry up your tears;
I must lie here till Christ appears.

On June 25, 1788, he married Anna Flickinger, who was born May 2, 1762, and died Oct. 24, 1841. They are interred in Lot 23. He was a Lutheran in religion. Their children were: Michael, who settled at Newfane, near Lockport, N. Y., where he had an eighty-acre farm, and later moved West (he had children): (John) George; William, whose death was caused by the bite of a mad dog (he was unmarried); Mrs. Kreitz; and other daughters.

The Federal Census Report of 1790 shows the following Leshers: Jacob, John, John, Jr., John, Jr. (again), John, Sr., Michael and Nicholas. Jacob Leshar, of East District township, Berks county, had the following family: three males over sixteen, one under sixteen, two females. John Leshar, of Tulpehocken, that county, three males over sixteen, three under sixteen, two females; John Leshar, Sr., of Oley township, same county, one male over sixteen, one under sixteen, three females; Nicholas Leshar, also of Oley township, two males over sixteen, seven under sixteen.

(John) George Leshar was born in Northumberland county, and spent all his life in Point township, where he was a farmer throughout his active years. He owned 240 acres of land, of which 201 acres are still in the family name and owned by his son Charles M. He died in Point township, on what is now the farm of his son Charles, Jan. 6, 1866, aged seventy-three years, two months, twenty-six days, and is buried in the Leshar plot in Fairview cemetery. He and his wife, Catharine (Robbins), were Presbyterians in religious belief. She was a daughter of Daniel Robbins of Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., and died Oct. 22, 1869, aged seventy-five years, seven months, two days. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Leshar, as follows: Robert, born Oct. 19, 1817, who died in 1903 (his wife Sarah, born in 1833, died in 1907); Daniel, born Sept. 8, 1819; Lucy Ann, born April 21, 1822; Mary, born April 2, 1824; Sarah J., born Sept. 17, 1826; George, born Nov. 28, 1828; William, born Feb. 14, 1831, who died May 29, 1896; John,



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born Aug. 12, 1833; and Charles M., born Aug. 28, 1836, the youngest being now the only survivor.

Charles M. Leshar received his elementary education in the public schools of the home locality. Later he attended Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., and when twenty-one was licensed to teach, following that profession for five winters in his home township and for three terms in Chillisquaque township. He then taught the high school in Northumberland borough for three years and filled unexpired terms in the same borough two other years, making so good a reputation that he was made a candidate for the position of county superintendent of public schools. He was defeated by only one vote. For some time his health was not good, and he took to farming, buying the homestead place in partnership with his brother John, with whom he was associated for six years. At the end of that time he sold out to his brother, and after his marriage he went West, living several years in Pottawattamie county, Iowa, where he owned eighty acres of land and followed farming. Mr. Leshar always feels that it was during his experience in the West he first learned to rely entirely upon his own judgment and take the initiative when necessary, and he brought so much of the Western spirit back to Pennsylvania with him that he was dubbed the "Western farmer." In 1883, learning that the original homestead was to be disposed of at sheriff's sale for a judgment note of \$300, he purchased the place and brought his family East shortly afterward, in 1885 settling upon the homestead, where they have since remained. Mr. Leshar has not only carried on general farming, but has also made a specialty of live stock raising for a number of years, and he has one of the finest apple orchards in central Pennsylvania, having seventeen acres of bearing trees in fine condition; he has raised and picked over four thousand bushels of apples in one season. In 1908 he erected the fine modern residence now occupied by the family, situated on the old Strawbridge road leading from Northumberland to the Strawbridge settlement in Montour county, Pa. Mr. Leshar has made great progress in his work by adopting the most approved modern methods, and many of his best results have been obtained by the carrying out of his own ideas. He has good business insight and the courage of his convictions when satisfied that new systems and improved facilities will pay, and though conservative he is willing to experiment and to be convinced of the worth of others' opinions before passing judgment. He is regarded so highly by his neighbors and associates that his counsel is sought frequently. His reputation and character are above reproach, and his life has been such as to merit the confidence he enjoys among all who know him.

On Dec. 16, 1874. Mr. Leshar married Edith Florence Watson, daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Stamm) Watson, of Point township, and they have a family of five children: (1) Margaret W. is the wife of Rev. George A. Riggs and they reside at Porto Rico, where they are engaged in missionary work for the Baptist Association. Both are graduates of Bucknell University, as well as of other educational institutions. (2) Rev. C. Byron graduated from Bucknell University and the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and is at present engaged as a missionary in China. (3) Lena Ruth graduated from Bucknell University with the degree of B. S., from the musical department of Valparaiso University, in Indiana, and is an accomplished linguist. (4) Harold V. graduated from Bucknell University and is at present a student at Harvard. He taught public school in Idaho for a time, and for three years was supervising teacher in the Philippine Islands, meantime studying the native speech as well as Chinese. Sociology is at present his chief interest. (5) Grace B. graduated from Bucknell University and taught school in Point township and for one year in the State of Washington. She is now at home with her parents. Mr. Leshar's family are all Baptists, but he himself is a Presbyterian in religious connection. He is a man of temperate habits, never using spirituous liquors of any kind. This sketch would not be complete without giving due credit to Mrs. Leshar. A worthy representative of her English and Quaker ancestry, she has contributed largely to the welfare of the family by her assiduous and intelligent coöperation, which deserves appreciation.

ROBERT LESHAR, a contractor of Northumberland, was born Dec. 14, 1845, son of Robert Leshar, mentioned above as the eldest in the family of (John) George Leshar. He was educated in the schools of his district and lived in Northumberland until he moved to Union county, in 1861, there learning the carpenter's trade and continuing to make his home until 1868. He has followed his trade throughout his active years, and since 1892 has been contracting on his own account, erecting many dwellings and other buildings in Northumberland and the surrounding territory. He built Trinity and Grace Lutheran churches, in Point township. He is a prominent Democrat, and has been both active and influential in the administration of local affairs, having served six years in the council of Northumberland borough, and twelve years as assessor, in a Republican district. He has served at different times as delegate to county conventions. He is the leading member of No. 1 Fire Company of the town, and its oldest active fireman. He was a charter member of Lodge No. 179, K. P.

In March, 1873, Mr. Leshar married Tude Bardsher, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Rothermel) Bardsher, of Snyder county, Pa., and they have two daughters: Elizabeth, wife of T. P. Dunham, of the borough of Northumberland; and Roberta, who is attending school. Mr. Leshar and his family attend the Lutheran Church.

JOHN M. FARLEY, a lifelong resident of Milton, Northumberland county, was for many years engaged in the mercantile and millinery business there, but now devotes all his time to superintending his farms. He was one of the organizers of the Milton Board of Trade, of which he is still a member, and though a man of retiring disposition has proved his worth in many ways, quietly but effectively advocating plans for the betterment of the borough whenever possible and using his influence without assumption but wherever his word would count.

Mr. Farley belongs to a family which has been established in America from earliest Colonial times, the first of the name here having come over in the "Ann," the third vessel after the "Mayflower." In England it is of ancient record, having been established at the time of the Conquest. The name, originally De Falaise, is taken from Castle Falaise, in Normandy, the birthplace of William the Conqueror. When Duke Robert of Normandy went on his pilgrimage to Jerusalem he left his estate in the custody of his sons Walter and William, as lords of Falaise; and upon his death Walter, being the eldest, became the lord of Falaise. William was "the Conqueror" of historical record. Walter had one son, William, who accompanied his half-brother to England, and this William DeFalaise was given twenty-six lordships in the County of Devon. In 1200 the name became Farley. Eleven different spellings are found: DeFalaise, Ffarlea, Ffarle, Farle, Farly, Farlee, Farleigh, Farley, Farli, Fairley, Farlea.

From Williamus DeFalaise the name is handed down through successive generations until we come to Thomas Farley, of Bristol, who married Jane Hungerford, of Farleigh Castle, Somersetshire, and they had two sons, Thomas and George, who founded the family in America, both emigrating to the New World among the earliest colonists.

Thomas Farley, son of Thomas and Jane (Hungerford), was born in 1602. With his wife, Jane, and one servant, Nicholas Shotter, he went out to Virginia, landing at "Archer's Hoop," a projection of land opposite Jamestown, Feb. 4, 1624. They made the voyage in the ship "Ann," the third vessel after the "Mayflower," and they had one child, born either on the ship or immediately after landing, whom they named Anne in honor of the vessel which brought them over. This child was the first Farley born on American soil.

George Farley, second son of Thomas and Jane

(Hungerford), was born in England in 1615. In 1639, because of religious troubles, he left his native land, making the voyage on the ship "Lion," and settled in Charlestown or Roxbury. Soon afterward, however, he moved to Woburn, Mass., where he lived until 1653, the year of his removal to Shawshin, afterward known as Billerica, Mass. He and his family were the original settlers in that ancient village, where the old Farley home, built in 1676, is still standing. At Woburn, Mass., George Farley married, April 9, 1641, Christian Births, a Swede, who came to this country on the same ship as he did, and whose father had died on the voyage (in 1639) and was buried at sea. To George and Christian Farley were born children as follows: James, born Nov. 23, 1643, who died Dec. 10, 1643; Caleb, born April 1, 1645, who died March 16, 1712; Mary, born Feb. 27, 1647, who married John Sanders; Timothy, who was killed by the Indians Aug. 2, 1675; Elizabeth; Samuel, born in March, 1654; and Mehitabell, born in May, 1656, who died Feb. 1, 1672. The father and son Timothy took part in King Philip's war, in which the son was killed, at Wickaboag Point. Mr. Farley was a member of the Baptist Church and a man of influence in Colonial affairs.

Caleb Farley, son of George, born April 1, 1645, married (first) July 5, 1666, Rebecca Hill, daughter of Ralph Hill, of Woburn. She died March 24, 1669, and on Nov. 3, 1669, he married (second) Lydia, daughter of Golden More. She died Nov. 19, 1715, surviving Mr. Farley, who died March 16, 1712. They are buried at Billerica. There were ten children by these marriages, two by the first and eight by the second, born as follows: Caleb, June 28, 1667; Rebecca, March 10, 1669 (married Thomas Frost); Lydia, Sept. 27, 1670 (married Zachary Shed); Hannah, Oct. 8, 1671; Ebenezer, April 3, 1674 (married Jan. 6, 1703, Elizabeth Shed); George, July 30, 1677; Timothy, July 28, 1680; Joseph, April 6, 1683 (married May 8, 1712, Abigail Cook); Benjamin, Feb. 8, 1685 (married Oct. 29, 1707, Ann Dutton); Enoch, Dec. 21, 1688.

Caleb Farley (2), son of Caleb, born June 28, 1667, married April 8, 1686, Sarah Godfrey, of Haverhill, Mass., who died Nov. 13, 1704. His second marriage, on Sept. 25, 1707, was to Lydia Haws. On April 6, 1706, Mr. Farley sold his property to his brother Joseph and with his brother George moved to near Bound Brook, N. J. Nine children were born to his first marriage, as follows: George, Jan. 26, 1687; Caleb, Jan. 6, 1688; John, May 22, 1690; Sara, July 27, 1692; Mary, Sept. 29, 1694; James, Sept. 8, 1697; Debora, Feb. 20, 1699; Jonathan, Oct. 2, 1701; Samuel, April, 1703.

George Farley, son of Caleb and brother of Caleb (2), was born July 30, 1677, and died in May, 1720, at Bound Brook, N. J. As stated, he and

his brother Caleb moved to New Jersey in 1706, and in 1709 we find them trustees of the Ewing Presbyterian Church, near Trenton, N. J. George Farley was also twice married, the first time, July 14, 1699, to Rebecca Chamberlain, daughter of William, and widow of Thomas Sterns. His second marriage was to a Miss Pearson, daughter of Cornelius Pearson. His children were born as follows: Lydia, April 29, 1702; Ann, April 29, 1702; Enoch, July 23, 1704 (died Aug. 17, 1723); Esther, May 31, 1707 (married Jonathan Baldwin); Caleb, 1709 (died in 1802; married Catherine Gray).

Caleb Farley, grandson of Caleb and Rebecca (Hill) Farley, was born about 1757. When the Colonies gathered their scattered forces for defense against England Caleb Farley, then a young man, united with the Revolutionary patriots and proved a gallant fighter in the service of his country. He remained in the service until the end of the struggle and earned for himself a commission as first lieutenant. After the war he married Charity Pickle, of New Jersey, and they moved to Pennsylvania, settling in Union county. He cleared several tracts of land, but some years later, through litigation concerning the title because of prior entries, though no improvements had been made on those entries, he lost his first tract. He then purchased 120 acres along the foot of the White Deer mountain, which he cleared and improved with buildings. There in 1789 he erected the first gristmill built on the White Deer Hole creek, and he remained on this farm to the close of his long life. To Caleb and Charity (Pickle) Farley were born eight children: John, Charity, Jacob, Barbara, Catherine, Elizabeth, Abraham and Sara.

Abraham Farley, son of Caleb, was the grandfather of John M. Farley, of Milton. He was born in 1791 in White Deer township, Union county, and died in 1875 in East Buffalo township, that county, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He had followed farming all his life, with great success, owning a farm of three hundred acres, which he divided between his sons Abraham and Michael. He had purchased the place after his marriage and spent the remainder of his life there, he and his wife both dying on the farm.

On March 29, 1824, Mr. Farley married Rebecca Wolf, who was born March 19, 1804, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Smith) Wolf, who reared a family of ten children. Mrs. Farley died Aug. 27, 1878, a devout member of the Evangelical Church. She was the mother of ten children: Catherine died in infancy; Caroline married Daniel Wolf and moved to Iowa (they reared a family); Michael married Hannah Hoy; Abraham, who lived on the old homestead in Union county, married Susan B. Schrack, and their children were: James A., Anna M., David F., William H., Molly R., Emanuel P., Hiram C., Su-

sanna B., Angeline M., Clarence B. and Maggie E.; Charity died in infancy; Sarah married David Voneida; John married Mary Brown (he served in the Civil War); Jacob, who lived in White Deer township, married Mary E. Brown (he served in the Civil war and was wounded in battle); Elizabeth died in infancy; Wilson died in infancy.

Michael Farley, son of Abraham, was born April 5, 1829, in Union county, Pa., was reared upon a farm, and attended the schools of Buffalo Valley. Nothing was lacking in his training for the practical duties of life. In October, 1849, he removed to Northumberland county, Pa., first locating in Turbut township, later in Milton, and in 1859 locating on the site of his homestead in South Milton, on South Front street, where he passed the remainder of his days. Before his removal to that place he lived on the present site of the American Car & Foundry plant. In connection with farming Mr. Farley carried on the manufacture of brick for twenty-four years, was also engaged in butchering for twelve years, and in 1855 established the first dairy route in Milton, continuing in the latter line of business for many years as proprietor of the South Milton dairy. He was an enterprising and progressive citizen, was a director of the Milton Water Company, and served in a few local offices, being assessor while he lived in Turbut township and member of the Milton council after the borough was enlarged. During the Civil war he furnished two substitutes for the Union army and warmly supported the Northern cause. He was a Democrat in politics.

In March, 1857, Mr. Farley married Hannah Hoy, who was born April 5, 1833, daughter of John and Sarah (Kennedy) Hoy, of Turbut township, and granddaughter of Philip Hoy. To this union were born three children: John M.; William E., who died young; and Harry M., born in 1869, who died in 1898. The father died Feb. 11, 1905, the mother Jan. 21, 1909; she was a devout member of the Lutheran Church.

John M. Farley was born May 28, 1858, in Milton, and received his education there in the public schools. In his early life he assisted his father, but he was still a young man when he went into the mercantile and millinery business on his own account, continuing it for many years, until 1907, when he sold out. His location was on Front street. Since retiring from commercial pursuits Mr. Farley has given his time to the management of his agricultural interests, which are extensive, and which under his supervision are proving very profitable. He assisted in organizing the Milton Board of Trade, in which he still holds membership. Mr. Farley has a modest disposition, but he holds the respect of all who know him. Socially he holds membership in Milton Chapter, Royal Arcanum.

On Aug. 4, 1877, Mr. Farley married Ida May,

daughter of John and Roaseltha (McPike) Martin, and granddaughter of Thomas Martin, whose wife was a Bryant; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin were natives of England who came to this country and settled in Pittsburgh, Pa. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Farley: Mabel lives at home with her parents; Helen married Newton F. Osmer, an attorney of Franklin, Pa. Mr. Farley attends the Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Farley is a member of the Baptist Church, while their daughters are Presbyterians.

HARRY M. FARLEY, brother of John M. Farley, born in 1869, received a good practical education and graduated from the Williamsport Commercial College in 1888. Though he died in 1898, he had become quite prominent in this section of Northumberland county, particularly in politics, and his death cut short what promised to be an active and useful career. He was a committeeman in his ward, member of the borough council and member of the school board, also serving as secretary of the latter body. He held official position in the P. O. S. of A.

CHARLES L. HAUSE, a business man of Milton, where he has been established in the plumbing and heating line since 1896, is a native of that place, born Nov. 22, 1870, son of John R. Hause.

Mr. Hause's great-grandfather was born in either Berks or Northampton county, Pa., where he lived and died. He was a farmer by occupation. The family is of German extraction. Among the children of the great-grandparents were the following: Mrs. Jacob Beck, who died in White Deer Valley, Lycoming Co., Pa., leaving a family of eleven children; Frederick, of Catawissa, a miller, who died there (he had a small family); Mrs. Seipe, who died in Northampton county (she had one son, Lewis, now deceased); Peter, who lived and died near Philadelphia; and Henry C.

Henry C. Hause, grandfather of Charles L., was born in 1796 in Northampton county, Pa., and died July 16, 1871, at Milton. In the spring of 1834 he came to Northumberland county and bought a farm of seventy acres in Chillisquaque township, which he cultivated until 1850. He sold the place that year and moved to Milton, being one of the pioneer builders of Shakespeare, which is now included in Milton. He was a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religious faith. His wife, Catharine Matilda (Young), daughter of Jacob Young, of Northampton county, died May 22, 1866, at the age of sixty-eight years, two months, seventeen days. Ten children were born to them: (1) Jacob, born Nov. 28, 1818, died at Milton Sept. 29, 1903. He was a soldier in Company D, 112th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He married Anna Haupt, and they had six children, Edward, John, Harry, Cath-

arine, Lovina and Jane. (2) George Henry married Angeline Foust, daughter of Philip, but left no children. He died at Milton in 1864. Farming was his occupation. (3) Hannah married Jacob H. Ernst and is still living in Union county, Pa., in her eighty-seventh year. She had three children, Henry, William and Ida. (4) Sabina, who died at Milton April 11, 1860, married Benjamin Snyder and had William O., Joseph H., Catharine and Ida. (5) Lewis William went West in 1858 and settled at Aledo, Ill., where he died. His family are in the West. He married Elizabeth Clark, daughter of William, and they had a family of six children, Catharine E., Ida M., Elizabeth, Leota, Emery and Clarence. (6) John R. is mentioned below. (7) Conrad P. died in Easton, leaving no children. He married Lydia Pursel. (8) Amandus F. married Mary Follmer, daughter of Henry Follmer, and they left no children. He was killed in 1868 in Bradford county, Pa., by the falling of a tree. (9) David B., born May 31, 1839, died Sept. 1, 1904. He served during the Civil war as a member of Company E, 131st Regiment, P. V. I. He married Katie Strine, daughter of William Strine, and they had one daughter, Jennie, who is married to George C. Chapin, cashier of the First National Bank of Milton. (10) J. Harrison, born Dec. 6, 1842, in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, is now living retired in Milton. He learned coach-making, and followed that business until his retirement, in 1903. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, 51st Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. J. F. Hartman, and on Jan. 1, 1864, reenlisted in the same company and regiment. He was captured at Spotsylvania May 12, 1864, and was held prisoner at Andersonville for ten months. He was exchanged May 10, 1865, and mustered out July 28, 1865. He served as second sergeant of his company. He is a member of Henry Wilson Post, No. 129, G. A. R., of Milton, and of Regiment No. 108, Union Veteran Legion; he also holds membership in Lodge No. 84, I. O. O. F. On Nov. 28, 1868, he married Hannah S. Hullihen, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Freeze) Hullihen, and they have had one son, Edward B., now a dentist of Philadelphia and married to Catharine Datesman.

John R. Hause, father of Charles L. Hause, born March 11, 1830, in Northampton county, Pa., came with his father to Northumberland when a small boy. He followed the plasterer's trade for many years, and later was employed in the car shops at Milton. His death occurred April 12, 1894. He was a Lutheran in religion, and in politics a Republican who took a deep interest in the welfare of his party and an active part in local interests. He married Mary A. Stimmel, daughter of Jonas and Catharine (Dry) Stimmel; she had two brothers, Israel (who lives in New Berlin)

and Amos (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hause had children as follows: Amos, who died young; William T., who died at the age of sixteen years; Harry, living at Hazleton, Pa.; Charles L.; Frank, of Milton; Catharine L., wife of C. E. Hoy; Anna, wife of Samuel Henry; and Mary, who lives with her mother.

Charles L. Hause received his education in the public schools of Milton. In 1892 he went to Lock Haven, Pa., where he served a full apprenticeship at his trade, and in 1895 he went thence to Philadelphia, where he was employed at his trade about seven months. Business there being slack, he came to Shamokin, Northumberland county, where he followed his trade for six months, at the end of that time returning to Milton, where he has since been located. On March 2, 1896, he entered into partnership with E. F. Colvin, and they opened a place of business at No. 124 South Front street, Milton. This partnership was dissolved by mutual consent the 2d of August, following, Mr. Hause purchasing Mr. Colvin's interest and continuing the business at the same stand for several years. In April, 1907, he moved into the new home which he had built at No. 119 Elm street, his new storeroom adjoining his residence; the store is neat and well arranged, and there is a commodious shop at the rear well equipped for all the needs of the business. He has built up an excellent and profitable trade by close application to business and satisfactory work for all his patrons, and he is a self-made man in the best sense of the word. Fraternally he is well known in the neighborhood, belonging to Lodge No. 184, I. O. O. F., of Milton; to the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and to Lodge No. 913, B. P. O. Elks, and Milton Lodge No. 256, F. & A. M.

In 1902 Mr. Hause married Bertha Gibson, daughter of Henry and Jane (Thomas) Gibson, of Limestoneville, Pa., granddaughter of Joseph Gibson, great-granddaughter of Henry Gibson and great-great-granddaughter of Joseph Gibson. Mr. and Mrs. Hause are members of Trinity Lutheran Church at Milton.

HARRISON H. HARTMAN, a lifelong resident of Turbut township, Northumberland county, occupying the home place where his father settled about three quarters of a century ago, was born there March 5, 1866, son of Jacoby Hartman.

George Hartman, his grandfather, was born in Berks county, Pa., near the Lehigh county line, and moved thence to Columbia county, where he made his first settlement in Frosty Valley, near Buckhorn. In 1838 he bought a farm in Turbut township, Northumberland county, near Milton, property now owned by the Heinens, but he never moved to this place, dying in Columbia county, where he is buried, at Bloomsburg. His children

were: William, Joseph, Jacoby, Samuel, Kate (married Jacob Hartzell) and Mrs. Bissy.

Jacoby Hartman was born April 21, 1816, in Springfield, Bucks Co., Pa., and received a fair education in the common schools of his home locality. When a young man of about twenty he came to Northumberland county, and here did farm work for others until he bought a place of his own, a fine farm in Turbut township, near Milton, on East Broadway, containing ninety-six acres of valuable land. He lived on this place, and was actively engaged in its cultivation, until his death, which occurred April 9, 1879; he is buried in Harmony cemetery at Milton. Mr. Hartman was self-made and became one of the most prosperous farmers of his district, where he was universally respected. He was deeply interested in religious matters, a prominent member of the First Lutheran Church at Milton, which he supported liberally, also taking an active part in its work and enterprises. In political opinion he was a Republican, but not active in party matters.

On Oct. 13, 1842, Mr. Hartman was married in Northumberland county to Elizabeth Haag, a native of Berks county, born Nov. 13, 1823, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Knauss) Haag. Mrs. Hartman died Feb. 11, 1880, the mother of the following children: William, John, Mary, Emma, Sallie A., Hettie M., Harrison H., and two sons who died in infancy.

Harrison H. Hartman attended the public schools of his native place and worked with his father until the latter's death, giving the greater part of his time to the supervision of the farm, which has been well kept up all these years. The fine brick residence on the place, now occupied by himself and his two sisters Sallie and Hettie, was built by their father in 1878. These three are the only surviving members of this large family. They are among the most respected members of the community and bear worthily a name which has long been well represented in this section. Through their mother they are descended from another family worthy of mention, a brief account of which follows.

Hans Haag, the progenitor of this Haag family in America, came to this country prior to 1734, and settled in Maxatawny township, Berks county, where he paid tax and quit rent in 1734. In 1759 he was still a taxpayer, his assessment then being eleven pounds. At the same time Andreas Haag was a taxable, paying twenty pounds, and when the Maxatawny Church at Bowers was built, in 1759, he gave one acre of land to the church to be used, as he said in the deed, "as long as the sun and moon shines." The latter's son, Andrew Haag, also contributed to the church; he was then a young man. He was the father of John, grandfather of George W. Haag.

John Haag, son of Andrew, was born near Bowers, in Berks county, Feb. 12, 1794. In 1836 he moved to Northumberland county, settling in Turbut township, where he purchased a farm of 160 acres from the Kelchner estate. There he made his home and followed farming until his death, which occurred Jan. 17, 1861. He married Elizabeth Knauss, also of Berks county, born Jan. 21, 1795, who died March 21, 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Haag were members of the Paradise Lutheran Church, of Turbut township, and they are buried in the cemetery of that church. Seven children were born to them: John; Catharine (deceased), who married Peter Klapp; Beneville K.; Elizabeth (deceased), who married Jacoby Hartman; Rebecca, who married William Balliet and lived in Montour county; Hettie, who married William Gouger and also lived in Montour county; and Sarah, deceased.

DAVID C. MYERS, proprietor of the Mansion farm in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, was born March 1, 1853, near the city of Lancaster, Pa., son of Jacob Myers.

Jacob Myers was born in 1828 in Wurtemberg, Germany, was married there to Fredericka Geiger, also a native of Wurtemberg, and came to America with his wife when they were young people. They settled at Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa., where they lived for about ten years, meantime following farming. Then they journeyed up the canal to Muncy, Pa., and thence through the forest to Sullivan county, where Mr. Myers bought a farm and passed the remainder of his life. He died there in 1897, at the age of sixty-nine years. He became a much respected citizen of that locality. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Myers were born the following children: Louisa (married Albert Deckert), John, Jacob, Henry, David C., George W., Lafayette and Maria (twins, the latter the wife of Herbert Done), William, James, Albert, Charles, Caroline (who married Ernest Foilmer), and two who died in infancy, Mary Ann and Fred, the latter dying while the family were on the voyage to this country.

David C. Myers attended school in Sullivan county, Pa., and remained with his father until he reached his majority. Learning the carpenter's trade, he began contracting in Lycoming county, Pa., and followed that line for about fifteen years, meantime also engaging in the lumber business and in farming in that county. In 1890 he came to his present farm in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, buying this land from the Van Kirk estate. It is a superior tract of 109 acres, and sold at one time for \$30,000. The location is considered the finest in the county, the water supply is of the best and abundant, and the place has suffered no deterioration in Mr. Myers's hands. Besides general farming he is extensively and successfully engaged in dairying, keeping all

Jersey cattle and selling his milk as far as Milton, supplying a daily route. He is regarded as an excellent citizen in his township, which he is now serving as president of the school board, elected in 1908. There are seven schools in West Chillisquaque, and Mr. Myers is giving faithful service in his present capacity, the welfare of the cause of public education being of particular interest to him. While in Sullivan county he served as constable. He is a Democrat in politics. In religion he is a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Myers married Mary J. Feister, and they have had children as follows: Virgie, who married Fred Burgenstock; Carrie, who married William Burgenstock (brother of Fred); Bertha, wife of A. B. Good; Ethel Clair, who is still in school; and Frank F.

Benjamin Feister, grandfather of Mrs. Myers, was of German origin and was one of the pioneers at the Muncy creek, in Lycoming county, Pa., where he took up a large tract, several hundred acres of fine timberland. He followed lumbering, prospered, and left a large estate. He was buried above Muncy. He and his wife Mary had children as follows: Charles; Margaret, Mrs. John P. Lake; Jane, Mrs. A. Sperry; George; John U.; and Harriet, Mrs. Daniel Bubb.

Col. John U. Feister, father of Mrs. Myers, was born in Lycoming county, Pa., and was a farmer and lumberman by occupation. During the Civil war he served one year and nine months in the Union army. He died in 1882, and is buried in Edkin Hill cemetery, in Sullivan county, near the Lycoming county line. His wife was Margaret Edkin, daughter of Francis Edkin, of Sullivan county, and they had the following children: Annie J. married James Harting; Mary J. is the wife of David C. Myers; Clara M. died when eighteen years old; Edward died young; Bernley C. is a resident of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Martha married Herbert Bennette; May married Samuel Woodside. Two children died young.

JAMES H. WORK, a farmer of East Chillisquaque township, has lived in this section of Northumberland county all his life, and has owned his present farm since 1898. He is of Scotch descent, his grandfather, William Work, having been a native of Scotland, whence he came to America when a young man. Settling in Delaware township, Northumberland Co., Pa., he lived and died there, following farming. He is buried in that township. His wife, whose maiden name was McCoy, was also from Scotland, bore him the following children: James, Henry, Mody, John, Isabella (married Jacob Shultz), Elizabeth (married L. Munsell) and Lillie (who lived at Lock Haven).

John Work, son of William, was born in 1812 in Delaware township and there followed farming

throughout his long life, dying in 1888 on the old homestead. He is buried at the River Church, having been a member of the Reformed congregation of that church. His wife was Mary Adams, of Northampton county, Pa., and their children were: Susanna, who married Robert Algert; R. M., living at Hagerstown, Md.; Christiana, who married Abe Sterner; and James H.

James H. Work was born July 13, 1851, in Delaware township, and there attended the public schools in his boyhood. Until he was twenty-three years old he remained at home working with his father. When he commenced farming on his own account he located in Turbut township, this county, where he carried on agricultural operations for about ten years. In 1886 he settled in East Chillisquaque township, where in 1898 he bought the farm on which he now resides, and which formerly belonged to Charles Newhart, ex-county commissioner of Northumberland county. It consists of ninety acres of good land, and Mr. Work has not only cultivated his place thoroughly but has also improved all the buildings, making every effort to keep his property in excellent condition. He is a conscientious, thrifty man, well known and universally respected.

Mr. Work married Priscilla Sterner, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Loose) Sterner, and to their union have been born the following children: Ambrose, who died when seven years old; Cora, who died aged six years; Lulu, who died in infancy; Mary, who died at the age of fourteen; William H., at home with his father; and Elizabeth, who is also at home. Mr. Work is a member of the Reformed Church at Milton. Politically he is a Democrat and interested in the success of his party, and he faithfully filled the office of township auditor.

MILLARD M. HOUGHTON, proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel" at Turbutville, Northumberland county, is a young business man who is making a place for himself among the enterprising citizens of his community. He was born Aug. 1, 1887, at Pine Summit, Columbia Co., Pa., son of James Houghton, and his ancestors have lived in that region for some time, his great-grandfather, Joseph Houghton, having been a pioneer miller there. He lived two miles from Pine Summit, and conducted a gristmill for many years. Among his children were John and William.

William Houghton, son of Joseph, lived near Pine Summit, and followed the trade of millwright, in which line he was a leading mechanic of his section, having a high reputation for thorough and excellent work. He also did some carpenter work on houses, being engaged on the finer work of this kind. He was industrious and thrifty, and owned his own home and land, held local township offices, and was a useful and highly re-

spected citizen. He was particularly well versed in the Scriptures, had a good memory, and delighted in explaining the Word to his children and grandchildren. In political faith he was a Republican. His widow, Mary (Allen), still survives, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Matilda Cressler, who lives near Pine Summit; she is now (1910) past eighty-two years of age, and has been blind since 1905. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Houghton: David, who lives near Pine Summit; James; William, of Exchange, Pa.; Matilda, Mrs. Lloyd Cressler; Phoebe, married to David Ware, of Moscow, Lackawanna Co., Pa.; Harvey, proprietor of the "Ely House" at Plymouth, Pa.; and one deceased.

James Houghton, son of William, was born Jan. 1, 1860, and was reared on his father's place near Pine Summit. In his earlier manhood he farmed, later working in the lumber woods and conducting the company boarding house. He became an all-around lumber worker, contracting with lumber firms to cut logs and peel bark during the spring of the year, and made a success of this line. Since 1895 he has carried on the Pine Summit Distillery. Mr. Houghton married Elmira Cox, daughter of Montgomery Cox, of Pine Summit, and they have had three children: Millard M., McCoy (deceased) and Joseph. Mr. Houghton and his family are members of the Methodist Church, to which his father, William Houghton, also belonged. Politically he is a Republican.

Millard M. Houghton attended the public schools of his home district and later the high school at Turbutville, in which town he lived for four years at that time. For several years he was engaged in farming, owning a farm of eighty acres at Pine Summit, which he cultivated from 1906 to 1910, in September of which year he took charge of the "Eagle Hotel" at Turbutville, as proprietor. He retains the ownership of his farm.

On Dec. 24, 1909, Mr. Houghton married Ruth D. Watson, daughter of George W. and Harriet (Smith) Watson, the former a prominent farmer citizen of Anthony township, Montour county, where he owns two farms. Mr. Houghton is a member of Lairdsville Lodge, No. 986, I. O. O. F.

HARVEY WENZEL, of Montandon, Northumberland county, has conducted the "Wenzel House" at that point for a number of years, previous to which he had been engaged in farming in this section. He is a member of the third generation of his family in this county, and of the fourth generation in America, his great-grandfather, a native of Germany, having founded the family in this country. He settled in Berks county, Pa., where he lived and died.

John L. Wenzel, grandfather of Harvey Wenzel, was born in Berks county, and when a young

man moved to Lycoming county, this State, where he spent most of his active years. The last sixteen years of his life, however, were spent near McEwensville, Northumberland county, with his son John, and he died and is buried there. His children were: John; Daniel, who died in Illinois; James, who died in Michigan; and Barbara, widow of John Smith, living at Turbutville.

John Wenzel, son of John L. Wenzel, was born Jan. 12, 1826, in Northumberland county, and died April 13, 1893. For many years he was a well known contractor and builder, erecting many of the most substantial houses and barns in his district, and he owned a tract of sixteen acres in Delaware township, where he resided. His wife, Catharine (Meixel), was born Jan. 30, 1833, in Northampton county, and died Sept. 12, 1908, at the home of her son Harvey, with whom she had made her home from the time of her husband's death. Mr. and Mrs. John Wenzel were married July 4, 1858, in Union county, Pa., and to them were born the following children: Mary E., born March 12, 1859, married John Yerich; John C. was born July 1, 1860; Agnes, born Aug. 17, 1861, married Albert Hoffman; Harvey is mentioned below; W. H. was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad at the marsh crossing, near Montandon, in 1900 (there were four men in the party, and the only one to escape with his life was Harvey Wenzel, who received only a few bruises); Coy O. died in infancy; Elmer J. was born April 15, 1872; Ida, born Feb. 1, 1874, married Forrest Harner; Clarence D., born Feb. 15, 1879, is an express agent in the employ of the Adams Company, running from Philadelphia to Buffalo and Harrisburg to Buffalo.

Harvey Wenzel was born Jan. 15, 1863, in Delaware township, Northumberland county, attended the public schools of the township and also at McEwensville, and remained at home until he reached the age of nineteen years. He and his brother John C. bought a farm of sixty-two acres in West Chillisquaque township, along the river, and farmed the place for five years, at the end of which time they sold out. Harvey Wenzel then moved to the Daniel Hartman farm near Montandon, where he engaged in trucking for two years, thence removing to John Butler's farm, where he was located for three years. He was next on the Harry Knauss farm, and he continued trucking successfully for about seventeen years in all, attending the local markets. In 1894 he bought the hotel at Montandon from Stephen Dreisbach, and in 1895 held a sale of his farm stock, after which he took up his residence at the hotel, to the management of which he has since devoted most of his time and attention. He remodeled the hotel, which is equipped with all modern improvements, and all of the nine-

teen rooms are supplied with steam heat. Mr. Wenzel has proved a highly successful hotel-keeper, and he is very popular with the townspeople and with the public generally. The hotel is an old established business stand, but Mr. Wenzel has improved it in many ways and brought it up to date, and he has erected a fine barn which is a great convenience.

Mr. Wenzel is regarded as a public-spirited citizen. He served his township as member of the school board, and was president of that body in 1897, when the fine schoolhouse at Montandon was erected; for one year he was treasurer of the board. He has twice been a candidate for county commissioner on the ticket of his party, the Republican, in 1904 and again in 1907, and though the tide went against him in both elections the second contest was very close. He is a man who enjoys the good will of all who know him, for his upright life, both private and public, and his friends are many. Socially he is an Elk, belonging to Sunbury Lodge, No. 267. The family adhere to the Reformed faith.

Mr. Wenzel married Lucy C. Weaver, daughter of William S. and Sarah (VanNonner) Weaver, of Richfield, Juniata Co., Pa., and they have had a family of four children, namely: Lee W., Sterrett Mc., Barren V. and Lecene C. (who died in infancy).

AMANDUS FRIES, who is engaged in farming about two miles east of Montandon, Northumberland county, in West Chillisquaque township, has owned and occupied that place since 1890, but he has been a resident of the county since 1867. He was born March 1, 1849, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., near the line of Lehigh county, son of Samuel Fries. His grandfather Fries, who was a farmer and lived in Lehigh and Berks counties, had children as follows: Harry, Mary and Samuel.

Samuel Fries lived in upper Berks county and also in Lynn township, Lehigh county, where he died in 1902. He is buried at the Corner Church in Albany township, Berks county. He was a butcher by occupation. His wife, Elizabeth (Peltz), was a native of Schuylkill county, where she is buried, at Tamaqua. Their children were: Lewis, Sarah, Amandus, Mary and Hannah.

Amandus Fries attended school in Lynn township, Lehigh county, and in his youth was employed by Dr. Shade, at Steinsville. In the fall of 1867 he came to Northumberland county, of which he has since been a citizen. He did farm work, and in 1890 bought his father-in-law's homestead, the tract of forty-eight acres about two miles east of Montandon, in West Chillisquaque township, which he has since occupied and cultivated. Mr. Fries is an industrious and efficient worker,

and has made a success of his agricultural operations. He is a respected resident of his community.

In 1869 Mr. Fries married Margaret A. Cummings, daughter of William and Hannah (Irwin) Cummings, and to them have been born six children: Elizabeth; Robert C., deceased; Emma, deceased; Walter G.; Herman B., at home; and Harry A., at home.

WILLIAM L. BRAUN, a practical and successful miller, at present the proprietor of Braun's mill, near Milton, in Turbut township, this county, is a native of Lycoming county, Pa., born at Nesbit, a small town above Williamsport, in 1867, son of G. F. Braun.

Christian Braun, grandfather of William L., lived at Spielberg, in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, and there died at the age of forty-eight years. He married his cousin, Magdalena Braun, and they had several children, two of whom, Jacob and G. F., came to America, the others dying young. Jacob settled near Buffalo, where he died leaving a large family, who still make their home in that vicinity.

G. F. Braun was born at Spielberg, a little town of about four hundred population, Dec. 3, 1831, and was twenty-two years of age when he came to this country. He had learned the miller's and baker's trades in his native land, and was thus well equipped to make his way to prosperity in America. He had married in Germany, and he and his wife made the voyage to America in a sailing vessel, being on the water forty days before they landed at New York City. Their first settlement was made at Buffalo, N. Y., where Mr. Braun worked as a miller. He built a home in what is now a very busy part of that city. In 1863 he located at Nesbit, in Lycoming county, where he worked at milling. In 1892 he and his two sons, John and William L., bought the Milton mill, and conducted it under the name of G. F. Braun & Sons until the death of John, in 1902. The father still resides at Nesbit, where he has become very well known, and where he is highly respected. To him and his wife, Annie, were born children as follows: Louisa, Emma, John, Mary, Charles, Tillie, William L. and Flora.

William L. Braun attended the local schools, and under his father's careful instruction learned the miller's trade. In 1907 he purchased his present property. This was a good mill, built in 1874 by William Kemmerer, a native of Berks county. The roller process was installed when Mr. Braun, his father and his brother John bought it. It has four sets of rolls, and is modern throughout in its equipment. Mr. Braun has a special brand of flour known as the "Streight," which has a very wide reputation, and all his goods, in fact, find a ready sale.

Fraternally Mr. Braun is a member of Lodge No. 84, I. O. O. F., and Aerie No. 1208, F. O. E., of Milton.

JOHN W. LUPOLD, train dispatcher at Sunbury for the Pennsylvania railroad, has held that position since 1893—the longest period on record in Sunbury that any one man has served in that capacity. He was born Feb. 3, 1867, at White Deer, Union Co., Pa., son of Samuel Lupold and grandson of John Lupold.

John Lupold was a native of central Pennsylvania. After his marriage to Sarah Yoxtheimer he lived in the vicinity of Sunbury, Northumberland county, for a time, and before the Civil war went to Clinton county, this State, where he engaged in farming. There he died in 1878, at the age of about eighty-one years. He is buried in that county. His children were: Samuel, father of John W. Lupold; William, who lived near Lock Haven, Pa.; Henry, who lived at Loganton, Pa.; John, who moved to Nebraska about 1873-74; and Solomon, who passed all his life at Eastville, a small village across the valley from Carroll, Clinton county (the post office was made Loganton after rural free delivery was instituted, and the place was most commonly called Winter Side, lying on the north side of the mountain, where winter snows always remained longest), where he died in 1905.

Samuel Lupold was born in 1824 in the vicinity of Sunbury. In his earlier years he was engaged in farming in Clinton county, Pa., and later conducted a sawmill there, near Eastville, subsequently moving to Union county, where he kept books for a lumber concern until his death, which occurred in 1874, at Cooper's Mill, Union county. He was buried at Watsonstown, Northumberland county. Mr. Lupold was an ambitious man, and by application became a well informed man. At the time of his marriage he could neither read nor write, and he was self instructed, his practical attainments being best indicated by the position he filled during the latter years of his life. He was a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Lupold married Susan Kerstetter, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Barner) Kerstetter, of Clinton county, the latter of whom was a daughter of George Barner and one of a family of twenty-two children. Mrs. Susan (Kerstetter) Lupold died in 1886, in her fifty-ninth year. She was the mother of the following children: Catharine died when sixteen years old; William H. is a resident of Cameron county, Pa.; Supera married Eli F. Garner and lives near Eastville, Pa.; Fayette married Hiram Lefever, of Aurora, Nebr.; Sarah married William H. Leshner; Harriet died when four years old, of poisoning; Minerva married Daniel J. Huntington and died at Williamsport, Pa., in 1887; Mary died in infancy; Samuel A.,

formerly of Montgomery, Pa., is now a resident of West Milton, Pa., where he is in the bakery business; John W. lives in Sunbury.

John W. Lupold obtained his education in the public schools of White Deer township, Union county. In 1882 he learned cigarmaking, which he followed for several years, and when eighteen years old he learned telegraphy at White Deer. He has since been engaged in railroad work. He was employed at different points on the Philadelphia & Reading road until 1889, when he changed to the Sunbury division of the Pennsylvania road, in the fall of 1890 being transferred to Sunbury and given a position in the superintendent's office. He was engaged as message operator and copier in the train dispatcher's office until promoted to train dispatcher in 1893. He has since filled this responsible position, in which he has the longest record of any incumbent at Sunbury. Mr. Lupold has been thoroughly identified with local interests since he became a resident of the borough, and in 1908 he was elected a member of the board of education, from the Seventh ward; he was a member of the building committee which had in charge the erection of the Francis E. Drumbheller school, erected in 1910, one of the finest school buildings in this section and a great source of pride in the borough. In political matters Mr. Lupold is a Republican, with independent inclinations.

In 1890 Mr. Lupold married Grace M. Bly, daughter of James Bly, and they have three children: Merrill, who was a member of the class of 1911 of the Sunbury high school; Martha Esther; and Ruth Elizabeth. In 1899 Mr. Lupold built the comfortable home at No. 307 Catawissa avenue which he has since occupied with his family. They are members of the First Reformed Church of Sunbury, which he served as an official for some years. Fraternally he unites with the Royal Arcanum.

JOHN J. HOWELL, ticket agent at Northumberland for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, has held his present position since May, 1872, and is one of the respected residents of that borough. He was born Sept. 26, 1842, at Battle Creek, Mich., son of David W. Howell and grandson of David W. Howell, and belongs to a family of English origin which has been settled in America from Colonial times. The first ancestor on this side of the Atlantic was Edward Howell, who was born in England, baptized July 22, 1580, came to America about 1639-40 and first settled at Lynn, Mass. Later he moved to Long Island, settling at Southampton, where he died. John J. Howell is directly descended from him.

David W. Howell, grandfather of John J. Howell, lived and died near Morristown, N. J. He married Keziah Pearson, who died at the home

of her son David in Bergen, Genesee Co., N. Y., May 14, 1857, and they had children as follows: John Pearson, David W., Stephen and Arnold A.

David W. Howell, father of John J. Howell, was born July 8, 1808, near Morristown, N. J., and moved West in 1835, settling at what is now the site of Battle Creek, Mich. When a young man he began teaching there, but later engaged in farming, upon his own land, which is now known as Morgan park; it was then three miles from the town. His wife, whose maiden name was Delia Elmer, was born July 19, 1811, and died Dec. 20, 1842, at Battle Creek, and was buried there. Mr. Howell subsequently returned East with his children, settling at Bergen, N. Y., where he remained until his death, May 2, 1877. The children were all born at Battle Creek, viz.: Elmer, who is deceased; Phebe A., deceased; William H., who is still living at Bergen, N. Y.; and John J.

John J. Howell was only four years old when his father settled at Bergen, N. Y., where he grew to manhood. He attended public school and when old enough began to do farm work, later supplementing his early education by a course in commercial work and telegraphy at the business university of Rochester, N. Y., graduating in 1865. He began work at Bergen, where he was employed by both the Western Union and New York Central Companies before his removal to Williamsport, Pa., in 1869. He was there engaged upon the P. & E. division until he changed to Northumberland, Northumberland Co., Pa., in May, 1872, where he has since remained in the employ of the Pennsylvania Company. He has a record of fidelity and good work of which he may be proud and is a trusted and competent employee. Mr. Howell is a Democrat in political sentiment, but he has never taken any active part in politics or public matters. He and his family attend the Episcopal Church.

On Nov. 28, 1873, Mr. Howell married Mary E. Shuman, daughter of Jacob L. Shuman, of Catawissa, Pa. Her two brothers are living in Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Howell have had one daughter, Lucille, now the wife of Arthur Jameson. Mr. and Mrs. Jameson, who reside at Rochester, N. Y., have four children, John J., Philip H., Charles D. and Cecelia M. (born Dec. 29, 1910).

DANIEL E. SMITH, of Rebuck, in Washington township, has been engaged at his trade of blacksmith at that point for the past twenty-five years, and he also owns a farm in the township. Mr. Smith was born May 19, 1852, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, son of John Smith and grandson of Michael Smith.

Michael Smith was born in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., whence he came to the Swabian

Creek Valley, in the eastern end of this county, in 1818. Among his children were: John; George, who settled in Berrien county, Mich.; Peter, who settled in Indiana or Illinois; Mrs. Joshua Fetter and Mrs. Neidlinger, both of whom settled in Michigan; and Mrs. Peter Rowe.

John Smith, son of Michael, was born in October, 1810, in Oley township, Berks county, and came with his parents to Northumberland county, settling on the farm in Upper Mahanoy township now owned by Jefferson Snyder. He was a blacksmith, and followed his trade for thirty-six years at Rough and Ready, Schuylkill county, and he was also a farmer for many years, following that occupation in Upper Mahanoy township. He died Aug. 28, 1901, in his ninety-second year, at Rough and Ready, where he is buried. Mr. Smith was a Lutheran in religion, a Democrat in politics. His wife, Rachel (Erdman), daughter of George Erdman, died April 27, 1860, in middle life. Their children were born as follows: Mary, March 6, 1834; William, July 13, 1835; Lydia, Dec. 29, 1836; Elias, Dec. 24, 1837; John, Oct. 27, 1839; Catharine, March 17, 1842; Nathan, Oct. 16, 1843; Elizabeth, Oct. 15, 1846; George, Nov. 29, 1849; Daniel E., May 19, 1852; Henry, March 15, 1858.

Daniel E. Smith went to learn the trade of blacksmith in 1871 and worked six years at this trade. Then he married Hannah Smeltzer and moved to Hollowing Run, where he remained for two years, at the end of that time moving on his father's farm in Upper Mahanoy township for one year. He then moved to Leckkill and worked at his trade for three years, next moving to Klings-town, Schuylkill county, where he worked at his trade for four years. In 1886 he settled at Re-buck, where he has since had his home. Mr. Smith has continued to do general blacksmithing throughout this period, and he has made an excellent living. He also owns a farm of sixty-three acres in Washington township, at what is known as Cherrytown. Mr. Smith has taken an active interest in public affairs, having held local offices, is a Democrat on political questions, and a Lutheran in religion, he and his family being members at the Himmel Church, where he has served as elder.

On Jan. 28, 1877, Mr. Smith married Hannah Smeltzer, daughter of Daniel Smeltzer, and they have had one daughter, Sallie Bixler, now the wife of Joseph Fetterman. Mr. and Mrs. Fetterman live on Mr. Smith's farm in Washington township. They are the parents of eleven children: John E., Daniel L., William E., Howard C., Charles R., Joseph R., Ella B., Sarah I., Ger-tie V., George S. and David C.

John Schmeltzer, grandfather of Mrs. Daniel E. Smith, was a native of Bethel township, Berks Co., Pa., and came thence to Northumberland

county before 1810. After some years' residence there he and his family moved to Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county, where he continued to live until his death, May 30, 1835, when he was past fifty-five years of age. He is buried in the Lykens Valley. Mr. Schmeltzer is described as a short-set man, and he was a carpenter by trade. His wife, Grace (Shutt), died in May, 1851, when past sixty years of age, in Lower Augusta town-ship, Northumberland county, and is buried there. Eight children were born to this pioneer couple: Sarah married John Wolfgang; Daniel is men-tioned below; Elizabeth married Jacob Fox; Katie married George Wolfgang; Peggy married Jesse Ummel; John died unmarried; Annie married John Wolfgang, who was a brother of George Wolfgang.

Daniel Schmeltzer or Smeltzer was born Nov. 10, 1805, in Washington township, Northumberland county, was a laborer, and owned a small farm. He died March 16, 1888, at Sunbury, where he was visiting, and is buried at the old Lutheran Church in Lower Augusta township, to which district he had removed in 1841. He held various church offices, serving many years as elder. His wife, Catharine, born in September, 1807, was a daughter of Jonas Wolfgang, of Deep Creek Valley, Schuylkill county, and died in June, 1881, in her seventy-fourth year. She is buried by the side of her husband. They had eight children, namely: Sarah married James M. Young; Eliza-beth died in her eighteenth year; Dinah married George Litzel; Elias and John died in infancy; Catharine married George Litzel after the death of her sister Dinah; Lovina married William Buchner and after his death Jacob Haupt, who is also deceased; Hannah is the wife of Daniel E. Smith.

Mrs. Hannah (Smeltzer) Smith has a number of relics which belonged to her immediate ances-tors, some old dishes, a large German Bible which belonged to her grandfather, John Schmeltzer, and which bears the date 1785, and an old grandfather clock that was made in 1809 by Josiah Smith, the case being made by John Schmeltzer, to whom it belonged. It is still a good timekeeper, and shows the date and movements of the moon. It descended from John Schmeltzer to his son Daniel, after whose death it came into the possession of Mrs. Smith.

JOSEPH LEWIS, a retired farmer living at Shamokin, was born in Shamokin township Aug. 15, 1829, son of Mathias Lewis and grandson of Mathias Lewis, a native of Switzerland. The grandfather came to America when a young man and settled in New Jersey. Later he came to Irish Valley, in Shamokin township, this county, where he died, and he is buried at the Summit Church. His wife, Margaret Mutzler, is buried

at the same place. They had children: Henry, John, Ellis and Mathias.

Mathias Lewis, son of Mathias, was born in 1794 near Belvidere, N. J. He was a cooper, and followed his trade in Shamokin township, where he was also engaged in farming. He died Jan. 19, 1890, aged ninety-five years, and is buried at the Summit Church. His wife, Elizabeth Mutchler, daughter of John, is also buried there. Their children were: Margaret died young; John died at the old home; Jeremiah is living in Shamokin township; Joseph is living in Shamokin township; Catharine married a Moody; Amos is deceased; William is deceased; Reuben is deceased; Susanah married Henry Richie.

Joseph Lewis attended the old pay schools in Shamokin township and was reared upon the farm. He learned the stonemason's trade with Frank Teitsworth, and followed this work till about 1908, being employed about the collieries and his own district. He resides at his homestead in Shamokin township.

In 1857 Mr. Lewis married Susanna Wikel, who was born in 1833 in Cameron township, daughter of John and Rebeca (Derr) Wikel. They had a large family: George F. died when five years old; Alfred D. is living in Shamokin; Emma married Cameron Bendel; Elmer is living in Shamokin; Charles K. lives in Shamokin township; Fraetta married Pierce Leiby; Knibly W. lives in Shamokin township; Elizabeth married C. P. Gass; Rosie B. married Harry Clark and (second) Freeman Lewis; Josephine, twin of Rosie, died in infancy; Amanda E. married C. B. Malick.

JOHN W. FURMAN, of Stonington, is senior member of the firm of J. W. Furman & Brother, truck-farmers who occupy a leading place among the business men in their line in Northumberland county. Their place is known as the Hollis Dale Market Garden. Mr. Furman was born Aug. 4, 1876, in Shamokin township, where he has always resided.

Samuel Furman, his grandfather, was born July 6, 1810, lived in Shamokin township, where he followed farming throughout his active years, and he died upon his farm there Feb. 24, 1875. His brother William lived in that part of Augusta township now known as Rockefeller, and was the grandfather of David A. Furman, of Rockefeller township. Samuel Furman married Margaret Weeks, who was born in 1814 and died Dec. 6, 1897, aged eighty-three years, four months, three days. They had children as follows: Jane married William Conrad; Mahala married Cornelius Reback; Kate married Charles Chapman and (second) H. M. Yordy; Rebecca died April 17, 1859, aged eighteen years, eleven months, thirteen days; George O. was the father of John W. Furman; Ida married Isaac Kreeger; Harriet died Sept.

26, 1851, aged nine years, one month, ten days; Mary died Sept. 26, 1851, aged one year, four months, seven days; John D. died March 2, 1847, aged one year, five months, three days.

George O. Furman was born in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and has followed farming. He at one time owned the old homestead, but is now located at Stonington, in Shamokin township. He married Hulda Jane Willour, daughter of Peter Willour, who was a veteran of the Civil war, and they had the following children: John W.; Rosa A., now the wife of Michael H. Mowery and living at Gosstown, Northumberland county; Freeman W., member of the firm of J. W. Furman & Brother; Lewis S., living at Stonington; and Theora Maude, who lives in Sunbury.

John W. Furman, born Aug. 4, 1876, in Shamokin township, was reared there and has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. In 1900 he located at Stonington, in Shamokin township, where he bought the old Henry Klase farm, later owned by Peter Willour, this tract comprising twenty-one acres of very fertile truck land. He has made vast improvements on the property since it came into his possession. In association with his brother, Freeman W. Furman, he does an extensive business in the raising and marketing of truck, and the name of this firm stands for all that is progressive and up-to-date in that line. J. W. Furman & Brother attend the Shamokin markets, where there is a steady demand for their garden stuff. Their work is carried on in the most intelligent manner. Their land is irrigated, they have erected a fine greenhouse, and everything about the place betokens the enterprise and advanced ideas of these young farmers, who have won high standing among agriculturists in their section.

On Dec. 4, 1900, J. W. Furman married Emma Eister, daughter of Jacob Eister, of Shamokin township, a veteran of the Civil war. They have three children, Andrew O., Mary E. and Franklin F. Mr. Furman is a member of the Miller's Cross Roads Methodist Church, which he is serving as trustee and secretary of the board. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is in every respect one of the leading young men of his township.

FREEMAN W. FURMAN was born Feb. 14, 1882, in Shamokin township, and was reared upon the farm. In 1906 he joined his brother in the trucking business. He is a member of the Miller's Cross Roads Methodist Church and of the I. O. O. F.

WILLIAM H. KUEBLER, a business man of Sunbury, has been engaged in his present line, plumbing and heating, ever since he commenced work, and is proficient in all its branches. He carries a general line of stoves and boilers and

does contracting in plumbing and similar work, finding an excellent field in the borough and surrounding territory. Mr. Kuebler was born July 16, 1877, in North Manheim township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of George E. Kuebler and grandson of William Kuebler.

William Kuebler was a native of Wittenberg, Germany, born in August, 1805, and served as an officer in the German army, his honorable discharge papers being still in the family. Coming to the United States in 1831, he first located at Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he followed butchering for some time. His next location was at Shamokin, where he also worked at that trade some years, and in February, 1844, he settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, where he was engaged in butchering in partnership with John Moser, under the firm name of Moser & Kuebler. This association lasted for many years. Later, his health having become impaired by illness, Mr. Kuebler bought a farm to which he moved, a place of fifty-three acres in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, which he cultivated until his death. However, he also continued the business of butchering, in which he was succeeded by his son Jacob. Mr. Kuebler was a devout Lutheran in religious faith, a man true to all his obligations in life, possessed of a rugged honesty which won him the respect of all who knew him. He married Mary Gass, daughter of Jacob Gass, and she survived him many years, dying at the age of seventy-nine. He died in June, 1871. They are buried at Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Kuebler had children as follows: John died in infancy; John Jacob lived at Pottsville; Amanda died when fourteen years old; Sophia married Daniel Mertz and both are deceased; George E. is mentioned below; Harry, who was engaged as wholesale agent for a hardware firm, died at Shamokin in the winter of 1909; John (2) died at Snyder town in Shamokin township, after his marriage; Sarah is unmarried and resides at Pottsville.

George E. Kuebler was born Dec. 20, 1843, at Shamokin, and was three months old when his parents moved to Pottsville, in which city and vicinity he grew to manhood. He attended the local schools, and in his earlier manhood followed butchering and carpentry in Schuylkill county, eventually settling down to farming there, in North Manheim township, where he remained for some years, on the old homestead. Thence he moved to Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, in 1883, buying the Krigbaum homestead of twenty-five acres upon which he has since made his home. Mr. Kuebler has proved an intelligent and useful citizen of the different communities with which he has been identified, served three years as auditor of Schuylkill county and held various local offices, and has served sixteen years

as overseer of the poor in Rockefeller township. He has been active in the administration of public affairs and an efficient worker in the Democratic party, which he supports with his vote and influence. Mr. Kuebler joined the Masonic fraternity at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., being made a Mason in Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M.; later he became a charter member of Cressona Lodge, No. 426, at Cressona, of which he was worshipful master in 1879, and from which he transferred to Sunbury Lodge, No. 22. He is a member of the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia. Formerly he was an active member of both the Odd Fellows and the Red Men, in which he passed all the chairs, and he was interested in the work, but he has dropped all connections of this sort except his Masonic affiliations. He and his family worship at the Plum Creek Lutheran Church, which he served for a number of years in the church council.

In November, 1871, Mr. Kuebler married Sarah Fasold, daughter of Henry and Catharine (Weiser) Fasold, of Rockefeller township, and granddaughter of Philip Weiser, through whom she traces her descent from Conrad Weiser, the celebrated pioneer and Indian interpreter. Mr. and Mrs. Kuebler have a family of five children: Gertrude E., wife of Dr. Horatio Warren Gass, a prominent physician of Sunbury; R. Ellen, wife of George F. Keefer, a civil engineer of Sunbury; William H.; Emma F., unmarried and living at home; and Margaret, who lives in Sunbury with her sister, Mrs. Gass.

William H. Kuebler attended public school in Rockefeller township and worked for his parents until he was twenty-one years old. Meantime, in 1892, he had come to Sunbury to learn the trade of tinsmith, which he followed for three years, after which he learned plumbing and heating in the employ of Harry Bastian and Isaac Reitz. In 1903 and 1904 he attended the New York Trade School, from which he was graduated in the spring of the latter year, in the department of heating and plumbing, and upon his return to Pennsylvania he formed a partnership with A. H. Mutschler in Middleburg, Snyder county, with whom he was in business from April 1st to September 1st, 1904, when he sold out to his partner and came to Sunbury. Here he installed the heating system in the cottage houses for the converting works, for George H. Keefer, of Mount Carmel, a leading contractor of Northumberland county, and in 1905 he commenced the plumbing and heating business for himself at No. 445 Market street, at which location he remained about three years. In 1907 he built his present place of business at Nos. 49-51 North Sixth street. Mr. Kuebler employs four men, and is doing a prosperous business, which he has built up by the most creditable methods and honorable dealings.

On Feb. 18, 1909, Mr. Kuebler married Nellie

Krebs, daughter of Robert F. and Mary (Felker) Krebs, of Sunbury, and they have a son, Robert Edward. Before coming to Sunbury Mr. Kuebler was a member of the Plum Creek Lutheran Church and active in its work, serving as deacon and as secretary of the church council. He and his family are now connected with the Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury. Socially he belongs to the Protected Home Circle.

WILLIAM H. STRAUB, now successfully engaged in the hardware business at Milton, Pa., is one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of Northumberland county. He was born near Womelsdorf, Berks county, Jan. 18, 1860, son of Jacob Straub.

Jacob Straub, the father, was a native of Stuttgart, Germany, who came to America in 1850, settling in Reading, Pa. In a short time he moved to Tulpehocken township, Berks county, and there followed his trade of tanner and currier. In 1867 he went to Danville, and after twelve years came to Milton, Pa., where he was employed at tanning by Wm. Reber. He died in 1900, and is buried at Milton. He married Leah Ebling, a native of Berks county who died in 1902. To this union were born two children, Pauline and William H. Anthony Straub, a brother of Jacob, also a native of Germany, came to America and settled at Reading, Pa. Like his brother he gave his services to his adopted country during the Civil war, and he died at the National Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio. Jacob Straub was a sergeant of Company F, 167th Pa. Vol. Inf., from Nov. 12, 1862, until Aug. 12, 1863, under Capt. Josiah Groh, and Col. Charles A. Knoderer.

William H. Straub attended the public schools of Danville, spending three years in the high school. He came with his parents to Milton, and here learned the painter's trade, which he followed for himself for a period of twenty years. In July, 1904, he bought the hardware business located at No. 16 Broadway, from H. Judson Raup, one of the leading stores of the district. He has developed the business on a broader scale, and has a fine patronage.

Mr. Straub married Mary Bower, daughter of Harrison Bower, of Selinsgrove, Pa., and they have one daughter, Leah, who graduated from the Milton high school, class of 1911. Mr. Straub is a Republican in politics. With his family he attends the Reformed Church. Fraternally he belongs to Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; Lodge No. 84, I. O. O. F.; and Castle No. 265, K. G. E.

At the outbreak of the Spanish American war he was appointed captain of Co. C, Second Battalion, 12th Pennsylvania Volunteers. After being out twenty-four hours he was commissioned major of the regiment. They were stationed at Camp

Alger, Virginia. He is at present a major in the 12th Regt., N. G. P.

FRANK J. McDONNELL, merchant at Locust Gap, Northumberland county, has been a lifelong resident of that place, having been born there April 3, 1873. The family has been settled in this portion of Pennsylvania for about seventy-five years.

John McDonnell, Mr. McDonnell's great-grandfather, lived and died in Ireland. His children were: Patrick, who came to this country and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he died; John, who died at sea in 1843, while on his way to America; Michael, who died at Locust Gap, Northumberland Co., Pa.; and Peter.

Peter McDonnell, son of John, was the grandfather of Frank J. McDonnell. He was born in Ireland, and came to this country in 1838, landing at New York City. Coming thence to Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he followed mining there until 1861, in which year he located at Locust Gap, Northumberland county, among the early settlers at that place. He was employed in the mines for some years and then engaged in the hotel business (conducting the hotel later run by his son) from 1865 until the year of his death, 1875. He is buried at Beaverdale, this county. He was an intelligent and active man, and took part in the public affairs of his home neighborhood in both Schuylkill and Northumberland counties, serving as supervisor of Cass township while a resident of Schuylkill county and as school director and auditor of Mount Carmel township after settling in Northumberland county. He was a member of the Catholic Church. His wife, Hannah (Patton), a native of England, was a daughter of Thomas Patton, also a native of England, who settled in Minersville, Schuylkill county, in 1838; his sons opened the first coal mines in that region. Mrs. McDonnell died in 1895. Nine children were born to Peter and Hannah (Patton) McDonnell, viz.: John, Thomas, Elizabeth J. (wife of Thomas Pepper, of Ashland), George, Andrew, Mary (wife of Jacob R. Betz), Hannah (wife of Henry J. Om-lor), and Catherine and Mary A., who are deceased.

John McDonnell, son of Peter, was born Dec. 27, 1840, in Schuylkill county, and was reared there, at Mine Hill Gap. He began work at the mines as a laborer, and came to Locust Gap in 1860, being now one of the oldest residents at that point. After about nine years' employment around the mines here he was made inside foreman at the Locust Gap Colliery, in 1869, holding that position about four years, when he was given the place of hoisting engineer, being thus employed until 1882. For the next ten years he was in the hotel business at Locust Gap, being propri-

etor of the "National Hotel" until 1892, when he engaged in the wholesale liquor business, in which he still continues. Though aged seventy years, and one of the oldest living residents of Locust Gap, Mr. McDonnell is still active in its affairs and looks after his business with the same care he has always given to its management. It is many years since he severed his connection with the mines, but he is still interested in that leading industry of the locality and has many interesting reminiscences of his experiences in the old days when the "Molly Maguires" flourished. He is a Democrat in his political views and a Catholic in religion. He served three years as school director of Mount Carmel township.

On May 20, 1865, Mr. McDonnell married Catherine McCarthy, who was born Oct. 12, 1839, and died Jan. 10, 1899. She was a daughter of Francis and Ann (Lynch) McCarthy, both of whom came from County Longford, Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. McDonnell were born eight children: Peter A.; Anna, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Frank J.; Mary, who married Daniel J. Harvey; Agnes, now Sister Marcellian, at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county; Catherine, wife of James V. McAndrew; and John, deceased.

PETER A. McDONNELL, eldest son of John McDonnell, was born at Locust Gap Feb. 22, 1866. For several years he was employed as a telegraph operator and later was engaged as a clerk in a colliery office and as bookkeeper in Mount Carmel. During Mr. Frank VanDevender's first term as register and recorder he was employed as a clerk in the office, being retained during Mr. VanDevender's second term. He resigned near the end of that term to accept the appointment of warden at the Northumberland county prison, which office he had been filling two years at the time of his sudden death, Jan. 23, 1908. Mr. McDonnell succumbed while being operated upon for appendicitis. To quote from the *Sunbury Daily Item* of Jan. 24, 1908: "As jail warden he displayed great executive ability and during his time of service saved the county \$5,000, even though he had more prisoners under his care than ever before in the history of the jail. Personally he was possessed of those qualities which won for him the lasting friendship of all who knew him and but to know him was to love him. Always of a cheerful disposition, his life was one bright ray of sunshine which was helpful to everybody with whom he came in contact and made him one of the most companionable of men. Of sterling worth and integrity, he was always upright and honest, true and steadfast to his friends, who were legion. He was the embodiment of all that was good and right and was a man in the true sense of the word, whose death is deeply mourned and is a personal loss to the entire community."

Mr. McDonnell married Mary Grathwhole, who

survives him with five children. They made their home on North Second street, Sunbury. Mr. McDonnell was a member of the Locust Gap Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Mount Carmel Lodge of Eagles and the Mount Carmel Lodge of Elks. His remains were taken to his father's home at Locust Gap, where the funeral was held from St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

FRANK J. McDONNELL received his elementary education at Locust Gap and later attended St. Mary's College at Emmitsburg, Md. Returning to Locust Gap, he became a clerk for James A. McCarthy, continuing with him ten years, during four years of which time he was manager of the store. He then engaged in the hotel business, which he carried on four years, selling out in 1910. Meantime, in June, 1909, he had entered the general merchandise business, which he now owns, giving all his attention at present to that line, in which he has met gratifying success. He has a full line of goods, keeping a supply in advance of the demands of his customers, whom he pleases by excellent service and a large, well selected stock. He is one of the leading citizens of Locust Gap, always ready to lend his aid or influence to projects for advancing the welfare of the community.

On June 12, 1900, Mr. McDonnell married Mary Ruane, who was born in Ireland. They are members of the Catholic Church, and socially he holds membership in the Mount Carmel Lodge of Elks, the A. O. H. and the Foresters. He is a Democrat in political matters.

L. H. GUYON, who conducts an old established merchant tailoring business in Sunbury, was born Aug. 26, 1878, in Harrisburg, Pa., son of Lucian Joseph Guyon.

Joseph Guyon, his great-grandfather, lived near Lake Erie, in New York State, where he died. His son, Joseph Guyon, grandfather of L. H. Guyon, spent most of his life in Wayne county, Pa., where he was a farmer. He died there. His wife was Sarah A. Jones, and they had two sons: Charles, who died in York State; and Lucian Joseph.

Lucian Joseph Guyon was born in Wayne county, Pa., in 1844, and died in Sunbury, in July, 1899. He was a well known railroad man and for many years was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, first as engineer, later being promoted to road foreman of engines. In 1890 he located at Sunbury, in which borough he remained till his death. His wife, Margaret (Hays), died in 1894, and they are interred at Harrisburg. Mr. Guyon was a Mason, a member of the chapter and commandery at Harrisburg, and of Lu Lu Shrine, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

L. H. Guyon attended the public schools of Harrisburg and for two years was a student at State College. He then came to Sunbury and learned the machinist's trade in the Pennsylvania

railroad shops, following this work from 1896 to 1901, after which he conducted a foundry and machine shop for a time. For a few years he was with the Edison Electric Light Company. In 1907 he engaged in the merchant tailoring business at Market Square, taking the establishment founded by his father-in-law, T. W. Scott, in 1881. He has managed the business admirably, the trade being in a thriving state.

Socially Mr. Guyon is a Mason, a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., and Zembo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Harrisburg. During the Spanish-American war he was a member of Company E, 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Mr. Guyon married Mary E. Scott, daughter of T. W. Scott, of Sunbury, and they have a family of four children: Mary F., Lucian J., James T. and Hayes S.

ELMER F. SMITH, of Milton, Northumberland county, has made his home in that borough from boyhood and is one of the respected citizens of the place. He has long been engaged as an engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad.

Mr. Smith was born May 1, 1855, at Fitchburg, Mass., son of Elijah Smith and grandson of John Smith. The grandfather was a native of New England and spent most of his life in that region, eventually settling at Birdsboro, Berks Co., Pa., where he followed his trade, shoemaking, until his death. His children were Elijah, Eliza and Harriet (who married John Culp, of Reading).

Elijah Smith was born in Massachusetts and during his young manhood followed farming in his native State. In 1869 he came to Northumberland county, Pa., later settling in Montour county, where he carried on farming the remainder of his days. He died May 4, 1893, and was buried at the Exchange in that county. He was twice married, his first wife being Angeline Walks, by whom he had seven children: Molly, who married John G. Coder, a contractor of Harrisburg (he died 1910); Adam, who is living in Illinois; Elmer F.; Rebecca, deceased, who was the wife of David Fry; Howard, living at Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.; Agnes, deceased; and Milton, a resident of Montour county.

Elmer F. Smith received his early education in the schools of his native place, and coming to Northumberland county with his father when fourteen years old also attended school at Milton for a time. He remained with his father until he was eighteen years old, when he went to learn the carpenter's trade at Milton, following that work for a period of five years. In 1872 he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, being engine house man for a few years,

until he commenced as fireman, and by 1876 he was a full-fledged engineer. He has been engaged as such ever since, and is now on the Milton branch, running the Milton annex. He is one of the well known and faithful old employees of the company, justly enjoying the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been associated in his many years' service as an engineer.

Socially Mr. Smith holds membership in the Knights of Malta, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Independent Fire Company, and he is well known in the local ranks of the Democratic party. He has served three years as member of the borough council of Milton.

On Oct. 15, 1874, Mr. Smith married Annie A. Fryer, daughter of Jacob Fryer, of Milton, and they reside at No. 220 Mahoning street, Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had two children: Lottie, who is the wife of Harry Kint and has one child Robert; and Charles Franklin, an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, who married Grace Reed.

CHARLES DOUGHTY WHARTON, SR. (deceased), was an active and well known figure in the business life of Sunbury for many years as proprietor of what was in his day known as the "Washington Hotel," now the "Neff House." He conducted one of the best hotels in the district, where few men enjoyed wider acquaintance or more deserved popularity. A native of Philadelphia, Pa., born Feb. 27, 1798, Mr. Wharton when a young man came from that city to Sunbury, of which place he continued to be a resident until his death, which occurred when he was in his prime, June 10, 1847. On Oct. 19, 1821, he married Maria Donnel, who was born in Sunbury Oct. 10, 1803. She died in Sunbury, and they are buried in the old cemetery at Sunbury. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wharton, six dying unnamed. The others were: Mary Elizabeth, born July 11, 1824, who married Dr. D. W. Shindel; Henry D., born Nov. 28, 1826; Charles D., born May 5, 1829; Edward Gobin, born Aug. 25, 1833; Amelia Donnel, born April 15, 1839, who was the wife of the late Thomas D. Grant; and Durell Jordan, born Sept. 18, 1843.

Henry D. Wharton, eldest son of Charles Doughty Wharton, Sr., was born in Sunbury Nov. 28, 1826. He learned the trade of printer under Colonel Best, then editor of the *Intelligencer*, at Danville, Pa., and for several years was employed in the office of the *Sunbury American*, where he was working when the Civil war broke out. One of the first to respond to the call for volunteers, he went to the front April 23, 1861, as a member of Company F (Capt. Charles J. Bruner), 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment, with which he served his term of three months. At its expiration

he enlisted for three years in Company C (Capt. J. P. S. Gobin), 47th Regiment, and he served to the close of the war, having reenlisted at the end of the three years, in the same command. His record throughout was one of faithful and honorable service.

At the close of the war Mr. Wharton resumed his trade, having been given a position in the government printing office at Washington. Several years later he was transferred thence to the interior department, afterward to the subtreasury department in Philadelphia and eventually to a position in the United States mint, in that city, which he was holding at the time of his death, Feb. 1, 1898. However, he was not in the government service continuously throughout this period. Under Cleveland's administration he shared the fate of many Republicans, being removed from office, but he was reinstated during McKinley's second term. He spent various periods in Sunbury between his terms of service in the government employ, and for several years was employed as clerk in the office of Hon. J. B. Packer, for whom he had the warmest friendship and admiration. He had many friends in the borough, being a man of kindly disposition and genial manners, always cordial in his meetings with friends and acquaintances. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and during his residence in Sunbury identified with the church choir, of which he was an interested and faithful member. A few years before his death, while engaged at a manufacturing plant in Philadelphia, he was knocked down and clubbed by a robber, his injuries being so severe that he never wholly recovered from the effect. He was at work in the mint, however, up to within a few days of his decease. Mr. Wharton was a prominent member of G. A. R. Post No. 2, of Philadelphia, in which body he had high standing. He was buried in Monument cemetery. He was twice married, but left no children.

Charles D. Wharton, Jr., son of Charles Doughty Wharton, Sr., was born May 5, 1829. When the war with Mexico broke out he was serving in the United States navy, and he took part in the operations at the siege of Vera Cruz, being boat-swain and one of a small number who rowed ashore and in a hand to hand fight, with cutlasses, drove back a squadron of Mexican lancers who had surrounded Gen. Phil. Kearny, whom they succeeded in rescuing. For this brave act Congress passed a special vote of thanks, a copy of which, bearing the seal of the secretary of the navy, Mr. Wharton preserved to the end of his life, as well as a document showing his part in the affair. He also received a sum of money in consideration thereof. On the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in Company F, 11th Penn-

sylvania Volunteers, afterward enlisted in the 45th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers (Governor Beaver's old command), was in Company F, 36th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and in Company G, 184th Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving until discharged July 14, 1865, by reason of the close of the war. Among the principal engagements in which he took part were Gettysburg, Antietam, South Mountain, Falling Waters and Petersburg. After the war he returned to his trade, that of molder. On March 11, 1886, he entered the Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Erie, where he remained until his death, in 1887, at the age of fifty-eight years. An Erie paper said, in an obituary notice:

"He was a grand hero, yet his gentle, childish ways would never give the impression that he had fought hand to hand with Mexican lancers, or, with yardarm locked to yardarm, served the smoking guns. Probably not half a dozen of his comrades in the Home know his record."

Services were held over his remains at the Home, and the body was then sent to his son at Sunbury for burial beside his wife, who had died some years before. A detail of comrades accompanied the remains to the railroad station. "He lived the life of a soldier, and the good deeds he did live on and help to make the world better."

Mr. Wharton married Mary Irwin, daughter of Martin and Rachel (Irwin) Irwin, and a sister of Jarid C. Irwin, of Sunbury, Pa. They had these children: William A., John A., Charles M., Mary A. and Edith E.

Durell Jordan Wharton, only surviving member of the family of Charles Doughty Wharton, Sr., was born in Sunbury Sept. 18, 1843. He learned shoemaking, and has followed that trade all his life. Like his brother, he served his country faithfully during the Civil war, becoming a soldier in the 3d Pennsylvania Artillery. On June 8, 1868, he married Isabella Thompson, daughter of Samuel Thompson, of Sunbury, and she died Dec. 10, 1910, aged fifty-nine years, nine months, five days. By this union there were three children: Annie Jordan, born April 6, 1870, who died April 1, 1871; Mary L., born April 16, 1872; and Henry Donnel, born Jan. 1, 1874, who died April 25, 1877.

Mary L. Wharton, daughter of Durell J. Wharton, was married Feb. 22, 1911, to Charles Caldwell, who was born at Columbia, Pa., Sept. 5, 1873, a son of Joseph R. and Emma F. Caldwell, residents of Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell took an extensive wedding trip, through the South, visiting among other places Washington, D. C., and Old Point Comfort. Mr. Caldwell is a wholesale dealer in cigars in Sunbury, manufacturer of the well known brand El-Serena, and does a large business. Mrs. Caldwell is an active worker

in the Presbyterian church, and highly respected among a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She owns her home at No. 242 Chestnut street.

HENRY BILLMEYER, lumberman and farmer, of Milton, Northumberland county, has carried on operations in both lines on an extensive scale, and is one of the best known men of his section. He is a large land owner, and still oversees his agricultural work and does custom mill work, but does not undertake as large contracts as he handled in his younger years, though he has not by any means relinquished business activity. Mr. Billmeyer was born Oct. 17, 1842, on the old family homestead in Montour county, Pa. The family is of German origin, and his first ancestors in this country settled at Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., where they were among the pioneers. Three brothers, Martin, George, and Andrew Billmeyer, moved thence to what is now Liberty township, Montour county, where they took up land which is still owned by their posterity. Of these, Andrew was the great-grandfather of Henry Billmeyer.

Andrew Billmeyer, born in 1756, died upon his farm in Liberty township Feb. 2, 1825, aged sixty-eight years, two months, ten days. His wife, Fanny Bruner, born in 1758, died Feb. 8, 1823, aged sixty-five years, five months, sixteen days, and they are interred in a private burial ground upon the homestead. Their children were: Andrew, Jr., George (born 1779, died 1853), Martin, Mrs. Mary Lesher, Mrs. Benjamin Knauss and Mrs. Kelly.

Martin Billmeyer, son of Andrew, was born in 1777 in Montour county and there passed his entire life, dying Dec. 6, 1855, aged seventy-eight years, three months, twenty-eight days. He was a farmer and distiller of rye, apples and peaches, and was a prosperous and well known man of his time. His wife, Margaret (Himerich), born in 1790, died March 4, 1870, aged eighty years, twenty days, and they too are buried in the family plot before mentioned. Their children were as follows: Jacob; Polly, who married John Hower; Catharine, who married Isaac Blue; John, who died unmarried; Daniel, born in 1817, died in 1884, who married Christian Cumings, born in 1822, died 1893 (they left no children); Peter, who married Hailey Roat; Sarah, who married John Gouger; Martin, who married Maria Kramm; Fanny, who married Benjamin Gresh; Andrew J., born in 1831, died in 1906, who married Malinda Bowers; and Harriet, who married Jackson Moss.

Jacob Billmeyer, son of Martin, was born upon the homestead, and died there May 30, 1881, aged seventy-two years, six months, seventeen days. He followed farming throughout his active years. He married Eliza Hower, who was born in 1813, and died Feb. 5, 1883, and they rest in the family bury-

ing ground on the old homestead. A family of seven children was born to them, namely: Hon. Alexander is mentioned below; Henry is mentioned below; Sarah married Martin Blue; Mary married Frank Umstead, of Washingtonville, Pa.; Margaret married David Springer, who is deceased, and she makes her home in Liberty township; Howard married Kate Luekens and lives in Montour county; Daniel is living in Montour county.

Hon. Alexander Billmeyer, son of Jacob, is a prosperous lumberman and the owner of fourteen large farms, thirteen of which are situated in Montour county. On Nov. 4, 1902, he was elected Congressman from his district, the Sixteenth, and served two years. He married Angelin Blue, daughter of Daniel Blue, and they have had five children: Ella married Glenn Crawford; Alice married Thomas Vincent, of Danville, Pa.; Mary married Dr. H. A. Sweigert, of Lewistown, Pa.; Hiram married Nellie Jamson, of Danville; Florence married Gilbert G. Kulp, of Shamokin, Pa. Mr. Billmeyer is one of the most prominent men in central Pennsylvania. He is a director of the Danville National Bank and a trustee of the Danville Asylum.

Henry Billmeyer received his education in the pay schools conducted in the neighborhood of his home during his early life, and at a tender age commenced to assist his father on the farm, learning the practical lessons of life with far more thoroughness than was considered necessary for literary training. When he was about twelve years old he often drove an old yoke of oxen (belonging to his father) for his father and grandfather, who lumbered at the old water sawmill. He was young, but did what his grandfather told him to do. When a large cow which they owned had twin calves, it was decided to raise them for an ox team. They were black, with white faces. The grandfather told Henry he would give him ten dollars to break them and the boy took the offer. When the grandfather took sick and made his will, he willed the twin oxen to Henry. This proved to be the main team used to get the logs into the mill, and also did most all the plowing work. His sisters, who also drove them, made muslin fly nets for them. Henry and his brother Alex lumbered with them until Henry was almost twenty-one years old, at which time he was drafted for the Union service for three years or during the war. At that time the oxen were about twelve years old. To help raise money for a substitute—he had to hire a man not subject to draft or go himself—he sold them to his uncles in Juniata county, Jacob and George Hower, taking them over the mountain through Northumberland to Selinsgrove, and got seventy-five dollars, which was all the money he had. He rode them like horses. He had to report at Bloom to be examined, and was found fit for service. He and his brother Al-

exander then pledged two colts and a buggy which they had for two hundred dollars—and all the money they had was two hundred and seventy-five dollars. Meantime he had reached his majority. His brother advised him not to go into the army at once, so he hired a substitute, a man named George Smith, from Canada, for \$625. He promised to come back if he lived, but that was the last Mr. Billmeyer ever saw of him. Mr. Billmeyer has always felt that this team of twin oxen which helped him in his early lumbering and farming operations, and then sold for enough to partly defray the expense of hiring a substitute for army service, contributed much to the beginning of his success. When he and his brother Alexander were young men they left the cornfield one day in 1863 to buy timber. Their capital was five dollars in gold, and they gave three dollars to Andrew Robinson for a fine dog they wanted, paying the other two down on some timber. Such was the humble start from which these two well known business men built up their prosperous mill and lumber operations. Mr. Billmeyer would cut the timber and haul it to the mill in the daytime, and he and his brother would saw the logs with an up and down saw run by water power, doing this work at night by the light of pine knots. In time they leased a sawmill from Judge Moore and Mr. Snyder, of Danville, and located it on the Simington farm, in Montour county, and as they prospered they were able to buy it, paying \$3,000 for it. It was a thirty-horse power plant, and they turned out a large amount of work with it. After buying it they moved it to John Watson's farm, near Washingtonville, Montour county, and the brothers divided the work, Henry Billmeyer attending to all the teaming and cutting of the timber and Alexander Billmeyer looking after the sawmill. They moved it still later to George Smith's farm, Mr. Smith being an uncle of Mrs. Henry Billmeyer, and here the accommodations were at first so inadequate that they had to sleep in the sheds and stables until they could build suitable quarters. For about two years before dissolving partnership the brothers were located on a large tract which they had bought from James Lowery. When they divided their interests Henry Billmeyer took the old homestead of 111 acres in Liberty township, his brother continuing the mill alone, still selling to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, which took their mill output.

After the old homestead came into his possession Henry Billmeyer improved it greatly, putting up an entire set of new buildings, and he also continued milling, buying a plant and doing sawing for his brother. His mill was stationed first at Mooresburg, in Montour county, whence he shipped his product to Wooden & Jackson, of Berwick, Pa. Later it was on the Frederick farm in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland coun-

ty, whence he moved it to his lower farm in Montour county, its present location. There he still continues to do custom work, and he looks carefully after his agricultural operations, which are extensive. His lower farm was an old McMahan farm, and when he first bought it contained 220 acres, to which he has since added; it has fine buildings. The soil is excellent, and the place is valuable in every way. Mr. and Mrs. Billmeyer spend their summers there, making their home in Milton the rest of the year. He is one of the most progressive citizens of his section, and his undertakings have not only proved profitable to him but also a benefit to every locality in which he has had interests.

On Jan. 17, 1869, Mr. Billmeyer married Hannah Flora, who was born Dec. 30, 1851, daughter of James and Sarah A. (Smith) Flora, and they have had three children: Sarah A., wife of H. B. Montgomery, of Milton; Carrie Ellen, wife of John D. Swanger, of Milton; and James H., born Sept. 1, 1872, who is unmarried and assists his father in business.

James Flora, father of Mrs. Billmeyer, was born in Montour county. He followed farming for a number of years, and later engaged in the hotel business at Maudsley, that county, maintaining a high reputation for integrity and strict management. His wife, Sarah A. (Smith), was the daughter of John Smith, and they are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery, at Danville, Pa. They were the parents of seven children: Jane E., Sallie, Mary C., William C., Hannah, Caroline and one that died young. The family are Lutherans in religious belief.

REUBEN JOHN GLICK, attorney at law of Shamokin, Northumberland county, is a member of an old Schuylkill county family, being a descendant in the fifth generation from his emigrant ancestor, John Glick, a native of Germany, who came to this country with four brothers and settled in the upper part of Bucks county, in what is now Lehigh county, Pa. There is a Johannes "Klick" buried at Wessnersville, Berks Co., Pa., who was born Oct. 29, 1715, and died March 23, 1781. His wife, Magdalene, was born April 23, 1724, and died April 23, 1790, on her sixty-sixth birthday.

John Glick, Jr., son of the emigrant, and the next in line to Reuben John Glick, was born in what is now Lehigh county and passed the greater part of his life in that region, tilling the soil and owning and operating a distillery. He continued thus until he reached the age of seventy, when he removed to Tiffin, Ohio, living there in retirement until his death.

Reuben Glick, son of John Glick, Jr., was born in Lehigh county, on the old Glick homestead, March 19, 1809. He passed all his life there,

engaged in the peaceful pursuits of farming, and died Jan. 1, 1892. He was a member of the Evangelical Church and in political faith was an old-line Whig until after the disruption of the party, in 1858, when he became a Republican. He married Elizabeth Allen, who was born July 5, 1807, daughter of Moses Allen, the latter born Sept. 16, 1781, of English descent; Mr. Allen lived for a number of years in Warren county, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Glick had six sons and one daughter: William Wallace C., born Dec. 19, 1830; Moses, Dec. 25, 1833; Hannah Charity, Sept. 8, 1837; Joseph Miller, Aug. 13, 1840; John W., Sept. 12, 1842; Edward A., Feb. 16, 1845; James Monroe, Aug. 12, 1847.

Joseph Miller Glick was born Aug. 13, 1840, in Lehigh county, was reared on his father's farm and attended the schools of his native township. In May, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company C, 133d Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, with which he served four months. In 1866 he settled at Girardville, Schuylkill county, where he passed the remainder of his life, becoming one of the most prominent citizens of that place. He engaged in the shoe business, building up a lucrative trade in that line, in which he was interested until his death, meantime also acquiring other valuable business interests. He was secretary of the Girardville Savings Fund and Loan Association, the Girardville Gas Company and the Palace Theatre Company. In 1875 he was one of the organizers of the Citizens' National Bank of Ashland and served as a director from that time until his death; he was also one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Girardville. Mr. Glick was a staunch Republican, and before Cleveland's first administration held the office of postmaster at Girardville for fourteen years. He also served as a member of the borough council.

On Aug. 26, 1866, Mr. Glick married Mary Margaret Hower, daughter of John Hower, of Girardville, and she preceded him to the grave, dying in October, 1887. Mr. Glick died May 17, 1894. They are buried at Girardville. They were the parents of three sons: George W., born Feb. 2, 1872, is a mail agent on the Philadelphia & Reading road and makes his home at Shamokin; he married Jennie Traylore and they have one child, Alma. Reuben J. was born Aug. 15, 1874. A. Hower, born Dec. 9, 1883, is now managing the Glick shoe store at Girardville; he is unmarried.

John Hower, Mrs. Mary Margaret (Hower) Glick's father, was the first settler at Girardville, Schuylkill county, where he built a hotel which he called the "Girard House" in honor of Stephen Girard, who often stopped there. It was the first public house at the place and Mr. Hower conducted it until his death, which occurred there.

He married Lucretia Gable, daughter of John Gable, and a large family was born to their union, as follows: Harriet, who married Thomas Cherington (they reside at Catawissa, Pa.); Mary Margaret, Mrs. Glick; Emma, wife of George W. Barnhart; Elizabeth, wife of S. K. Cleaver; Clara, wife of John W. Mertz; John; Clinton, deceased; William E.; Albert L.; and Thomas, deceased.

Reuben John Glick was born Aug. 15, 1874, at Girardville. After his preparatory education he attended the Bloomsburg normal school, from which he was graduated in 1891. He then entered Lafayette College, from which he was graduated in 1895, locating in Shamokin July 31st of that year. He was admitted to the Northumberland county bar July 30, 1898, and has since been engaged in legal practice. Mr. Glick has gained a lucrative clientage, and the fact that he is solicitor for the poor district shows that he has the confidence of his fellow citizens generally, his high personal character being his best recommendation. Mr. Glick has his office in the McConnell building.

Mr. Glick is quite prominent in local politics as a member of the Republican party, of which he is a firm supporter. He holds membership in the Elks at Shamokin. As a wide-awake, energetic and disinterested citizen he is making a name and place for himself in the home of his adoption which is but the just reward of his industry and intelligent efforts.

HEIM. The Heim family of Northumberland county is numerous represented in this portion of Pennsylvania. It is descended from George Heim, one of three brothers from Wurtemberg, Germany, who settled in Pennsylvania on their arrival in America—John in Berks county, Andoni (or Andrew) in the Buffalo Valley and George in the Mahantango Valley, in that section now embraced in Schuylkill county. He is buried at Klingerstown in Schuylkill county, his grave being in a garden, but unfortunately it has no marker. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and of good education, was one of the early schoolmasters of that region, and also followed surveying, doing all the surveying required in his section at the time. He purchased considerable land from the Indians over which there was subsequently litigation with the Penns, they claiming title. Heim had a large strip of land which extended from the Himmel Church in the direction of Klingerstown. He resolutely opposed the window tax imposed by the English Crown upon the pioneers during the Colonial days. He probably was single when he came to America. His wife, however, was of foreign extraction, being of Irish stock. They had among others these children: John (grandfather of William H. Heim, of Sunbury), George (great-grandfather of Charles A. Hime, of Jordan township, and of Dan-

iel D. Heim, of Shamokin), Paul (had a son Paul), Peter and Matthias.

John Heim, son of George, was born in 1756, in Upper Mahanoy, and died in 1824, aged sixty-eight years. He is buried at Klingerstown, in a garden. He was a prominent schoolmaster of his day and also followed farming, having considerable land. He was a leading and respected member of the community, doing all the writing and similar business for his section. In 1790 the Federal Census records him as a resident in that section of Berks county now embraced in Schuylkill county, in the Upper Mahantango Valley, in which Klingerstown is now located. He then had four sons—all under sixteen years of age—and two daughters. He was twice married, and by his first union had seven children (another account says he had seven sons and one daughter by first wife). His second wife was Sophia Kohl, who remarried after his death and died about 1863, at the ripe age of eighty-eight years, and is buried at St. John's Church in Upper Mahanoy township. Eight children were born to this union, namely: Molly married Peter Beisel; Christina married a Straub; John, a carpenter, located in Richfield, Snyder Co., Pa.; George lived near Heplers, Pa.; Rev. William was an Evangelical preacher (he had an only daughter, Sallie, who married Dr. Hensyl, of Howard, Pa.); Peter lived at Watsonstown, Pa. (he had a son John, who is deceased, and three daughters); Daniel is mentioned later; Jonathan, who located in the West, had a large family, now located in Iowa and Indiana.

Daniel Heim, seventh child of John and Sophia (Kohl) Heim, was born Jan. 15, 1816, in Washington township, Northumberland county. His mother's second marriage occurred when he was about twelve years old, and he soon afterward entered upon the battle of life among strangers. For three years he found employment among the farmers, and then in Union county learned the carpenter's trade and followed that and millwrighting eighteen years. In 1850 he engaged in the merchandise business in his native township, at Greenbrier, and followed it there for sixteen years, building the large brick store and residence there which he occupied. Thence he came to Sunbury and remained one year, in 1867 moving to Danville, where he kept the "Danville Hotel" one year. In 1870, in partnership with his son John, he embarked in the hardware business at Sunbury, a business still carried on by his sons at the old location. John Heim retired from the business in 1879, after which Mr. Heim continued to conduct it on his own account during the rest of his life, signing his own checks until two days before his death. The large brick store at No. 415 Market street, still occupied by the business, was built by him. Meantime he became interested in a man-

ufacturing enterprise in the same line, being one of the organizers of the Sunbury Nail, Bar and Guide Iron Manufacturing Company, of Sunbury, of which he was vice president from its inception. For some years he was a director of the First National Bank. He prospered throughout his business career, and at the time of his death, which occurred April 17, 1895, in Sunbury, he was in comfortable circumstances. He was buried at Pomfret Manor cemetery.

Mr. Heim served one year (1871) as chief Burgess of Dunbury, elected as the Republican candidate. He was a Democrat until 1860, joining the Republican party as one of Lincoln's supporters. He was always interested in the cause of free education, being its most active advocate, in fact, during his residence in Upper Mahanoy township, where he served as school director. In his earlier manhood he was very prominent in local military affairs, in which he took keen enjoyment. Before the war he was captain of militia and lieutenant of a volunteer company, and during the administration of Governor Johnston was commissioned major of a uniformed volunteer battalion, holding that rank five years. Of large physique and dignified carriage, he made a most impressive appearance in his military capacity, for which he seemed particularly well fitted. He always rode a fine horse. Six feet, four inches in height, straight even in his old age, his was a commanding presence, and a picture taken when he was seventy-nine years old shows that he retained his aristocratic bearing and comeliness to the end of his days. In fact, he was generally conceded to be the finest looking man in his section. He was highly respected by all who knew him, in any of the relations of life, for his resolute character and strict honesty. He was well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, and to Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, building St. John's Church, in Upper Mahanoy township.

On Oct. 23, 1863, Daniel Heim married in his native township Mary Hornberger, daughter of George and Polly (Maurer) Hornberger, the latter a sister of Felix Maurer, at one time sheriff of Northumberland county. She died in October, 1896. To Mr. and Mrs. Heim were born ten children, namely: John H., of Sunbury; Lydia, who married Peter Gonsor; Hattie, who married Samuel H. Snyder, and died in July, 1909; Sarah A., born Nov. 3, 1843, who married Charles Schlegel, and died May 20, 1863 (she is buried at St. John's Church in Upper Mahanoy); Louise Anna, widow of Albert Haas, of Sunbury; James B., who lies in the National cemetery at Baltimore, having died in 1865 on his way home, after being mustered out at the close of his service in the Union army;

George W., of Sunbury; Capt. William Henry; Mary Ellen, who died in 1863; and Percival Oscar, of Sunbury.

CAPT. WILLIAM H. HEIM, son of Daniel, was born at Greenbrier, Northumberland Co., Pa., Sept. 13, 1855. His early education was obtained in the township schools, and he was one of the first pupils at the Sunbury high school, then taught by one Professor Miller. In 1869 he went to learn the job printing business under Youngman & Keefer, and one year later became associated with his father as clerk in his hardware store, with which he has since been identified. After the death of his mother the business was purchased by his brother, George W. Heim, who continued with it for twelve years, William H. and P. Oscar Heim meantime entering into partnership with him. In 1899 William H. Heim purchased their interests, and he now conducts the business as D. Heim's Son. He is a substantial business man and highly respected in commercial circles, has served as school director of Sunbury, and was tendered the nomination as representative of his district in the State Legislature, but refused the honor, though he takes a public-spirited interest in the welfare of the community. He has been active, however, in fraternal life, and especially prominent in local military affairs. He is a member of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, of Sunbury, and was a delegate to the meeting in California in 1909; is a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M. (pursuivant for many years), Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., all of Sunbury, Pa.; of the West Branch Consistory, and also of Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Capt. Heim has been connected with the National Guard since 1870. He saw active service in the railroad riot of that year. He first became a member of Company E, 8th Regiment, which company later was transferred to the 12th Regiment. In 1877 he organized Company E, and in 1898 organized Company C. He is now captain of Company K, 12th Regiment, having held that office since June, 1898; Companies E and K have a large armory at Sunbury. The Captain is a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religion, holding membership in Zion's Church at Sunbury.

Captain Heim has been twice married. On Oct. 25, 1877, he was married to Annie L. Eyster, daughter of Dr. Joseph Eyster, of Sunbury. She died June 30, 1895, aged thirty-eight years, the mother of two children, Daniel Claud (a farmer above Sunbury) and Mary Mabel (a trained nurse, of Philadelphia). In 1906 Captain Heim married Daise Rose DeHaven, daughter of John DeHaven, whose father built the Northern Central railroad from Harrisburg to York. There is one child, Lenora DeHaven, by this union.

PERCIVAL OSCAR HEIM, hardware merchant at

Sunbury, was born at Greenbrier, in Upper Mahanoy township, Jan. 26, 1861, son of Daniel Heim. He was educated in Sunbury, graduating from the high school, and began clerking at an early age in his father's hardware store. For three years he was in partnership with his brothers George W. and Capt. William H. Heim, finally selling out to Captain Heim and opening up a store of his own at No. 438 Market street. He is still established at that location, having built up a profitable trade. Mr. Heim has the reputation for business sagacity common to the members of his family, and is one of the esteemed citizens of Sunbury in business and social circles.

In 1890 he married Ellie Houghendobler, daughter of Zacharias Houghendobler, of Milton, Pa., and they have had one child, Helen. They are members of the Lutheran Church and he is a Republican in politics.

George Heim (2), the great-grandfather of Charles A. Hime, of Jordan township, and of Daniel D. Heim, of Shamokin, was a son of the George who came to this country from Germany, as previously recorded. He was a resident of Mahanoy (now Washington) township, and was probably buried at the Himmel Church. He had, among other children, Philip, who it is said was a preacher and lived in lower Northumberland county.

George Heim (3), son of George (2), was born March 20, 1791, and died Jan. 26, 1860; his wife, Susanna (Herb), born April 18, 1794, died Oct. 28, 1872. They are buried at Himmel's Church, of which he was a Lutheran member, and he was engaged as a laborer on the construction of the old stone church, wheeling the stones up an incline. He lived near this church, in Washington township, and did laborer's work, owning but a few acres of land. His children were: John, Harry, Jonas, Daniel, Jacob, Isaac, Anthony, Hettie (who married twice, her first husband being named Bohner) and Susan (Mrs. Kautz).

Daniel Heim, son of George (3), was the father of Daniel D. Heim of Shamokin, Pa. He was born in 1820, and died aged over seventy years. He is buried at the Himmel Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. Mr. Heim lived in Washington township, and was engaged as a carpenter and undertaker, being succeeded in the business by A. Z. Drumheller. He built some of the first coal breakers in Schuylkill county. A man of progressive and intelligent mind, he was one of the early supporters of the public school system in his section, being a staunch advocate of free schools when it meant something to stand for popular education in a hostile community. He believed in the education of children and carried his children to school when the snow was deep rather than deprive them of any of the opportunities he valued so highly. He served as school director and also as

supervisor of his township. In politics he was a Democrat.

Mr. Heim married Harriet Drummheller, daughter of Martin Drummheller, and she lived to the age of eighty-two years, dying in 1901. They had children as follows: Daniel D.; Joel, deceased; Susan, married to Conrad Hoffman; Emeline, married to Joel Rebuck; Harriet, married to Monroe McKinney.

DANIEL D. HEIM, a retired contractor of Shamokin, was born in Washington township May 18, 1847. He worked at the carpenter's trade from youth, and when only in his sixteenth year left home and went to work in Schuylkill county at three dollars a day. Except for the time he was in the mercantile business, at Shamokin, conducting a flour, feed and produce store for three years, Mr. Heim followed the trade off and on until his retirement, being one of the leading men in his line in Shamokin, where he was given many important contracts. He built the present high school of Shamokin (in 1894), the silk mill (in about 1900), the Weaver building and the Morgan Kearney building, all in Shamokin, and did considerable work outside of that place. He employed as many as seventy-five carpenters at a time, and often had three hundred men on his payroll. As he prospered he acquired other important interests, being one of the five original owners of the large silk mill at Shamokin, and he helped to start and organize a number of enterprises in that borough. Mr. Heim is a Republican and at one time wielded considerable influence in local political matters. He was once a candidate for county treasurer, but was defeated. Fraternally Mr. Heim affiliates with the Elks at Shamokin; with the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and P. O. S. of A. (charter member of Washington Camp No. 19) at Sunbury; and the Freemasons, in the latter connection belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77; Bloomsburg Council; Bloomsburg Consistory; and the Shrine at Reading.

In 1882 Mr. Heim married Grace Barnes, of Ashland, Pa., and six children have been born to this union: Homer B., now of Chicago, Ill.; Erma V., at home; J. Roy, of Williamsport, Pa.; Ariel M.; Daniel E., and James M. Mr. Heim and his family worship at Trinity Lutheran Church, Shamokin.

Jacob Heim, son of George (3), was a resident of Washington township and a blacksmith and farmer by occupation, following his trade forty-six years, from the time he was eighteen years old. He owned a small tract of twenty-eight acres in Jordan township (now owned by David Geise), and was an industrious, respected citizen of that township, which he served some years as overseer of the poor. He died Oct. 14, 1897, aged seventy-

two years, six months, eighteen days. His wife, Anna Anderson, was born in Berks county, and came to Northumberland county with her mother, Mrs. Mary Anderson, who married for her second husband a Mr. Kaufman. Mrs. Heim died Nov. 18, 1902, aged seventy-three years, twelve days. She and her husband are buried at the Schwartz Church, at Urban. They were the parents of eleven children: Sarah married Fred Kohl; Emanuel settled at Omaha, Nebr.; William died on the homestead April 24, 1902, aged fifty-one years, five months, eighteen days; Charles A. is mentioned below; Louisa, who now lives out West, has been twice married, first to a Wormer; Mary is the widow of Harry Ladler; Polly married Frank Troutman; Daniel is a resident of Shamokin; Magdalena died unmarried; Erisman died young; Ella died in infancy.

CHARLES A. HIME (HEIM), son of Jacob, was born in the Swabian Creek district in Washington township, Sept. 10, 1852. He was reared to farm life from early boyhood, his educational advantages, which were limited, being such as the old pay schools afforded. He began to learn the blacksmith's trade when a mere child, and followed it at home with his father, continuing to do his own blacksmith work to the present day. He began farming for himself in 1882 in Jordan township at the place where he now lives, his property being a half mile east of Urban. Here he also began house-keeping. Mr. Hime has a tract of forty-six acres cleared and twenty-eight acres of woodland and in addition to farming does threshing and lumber sawing, having an excellent business in both lines. He had the fingers of his right hand sawed off by accident in May, 1904.

Mr. Hime is a self-made man, having attained the prosperity he now enjoys by industry and the most honorable methods. He is thoroughly respected and enjoys the esteem of all his friends and neighbors. He served his township a number of years as school director and supervisor. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his family are members of the Schwartz Church at Urban, of which he has been deacon and trustee.

In 1879 Mr. Hime married (first) Henrietta Schwartz, daughter of Peter Schwartz, and she died Sept. 28, 1899, aged forty-eight years, eleven months, six days, the mother of five children: (1) Sarah married Amos Lohr, of Mandata. (2) Agnes married Robert Kline, of Shamokin. (3) Katie, who is a deaf mute, is the wife of Ed. Litzenberger, and lives at Allentown. (4) Ella married Victor Kieffer, of Shamokin. (5) Mamie is unmarried and lives at home.

In 1902 Mr. Hime married (second) Mrs. Mary (Kieffer) Wolfgang, widow of William Wolfgang, daughter of George Kieffer, and to them has been born one child, Mildred Viola.

Jacob Wolfgang, the grandfather of William

Wolfgang, was born Oct. 13, 1787, and died Sept. 10, 1860. He and a number of the family are buried at St. Jacob's (Howerter's) Church. He had a number of children. He was a son of Michael and Cristina Wolfgang, of Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Jacob D. Wolfgang, son of Jacob, was born in the Mahantango Valley, and died July 8, 1898, aged sixty-six years, seven months, twenty-eight days. He is buried at Hebe, as is also his wife, Elisa Kerchner, who was born Jan. 11, 1835, died Sept. 28, 1871. Mr. Wolfgang was a Lutheran and a Democrat. By occupation he was a farmer, owning land in Jordan township, Northumberland county. His family consisted of six children: Henry married Eliza Peiffer; Catharine married Henry Shipe; Lovina married John Kimmel; William is mentioned below; Elizabeth married Felix Dieter; Polly married George Brosius.

William Wolfgang, son of Jacob D., died Jan. 28, 1900, aged thirty-eight years, ten months, twenty-six days. He was a native of Eldred township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and followed farming there, owning a seventy-acre tract. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to Howerter's (St. Jacob's) Church. On March 28, 1880, he married Mary Kieffer, and to them were born six children: Elizabeth died young; George is in the State of Washington; Anna married Edwin Stepp; Cassie, unmarried, is in Ogden, Utah; Sophia, unmarried, lives at Herndon; Willie is at home.

WILLIAM PLUNKET, who presided over the county courts under the Colonial regime, was a physician by profession and education. He was the first resident doctor of Northumberland county. He was a native of Ireland. In personal appearance he is described as a man of large stature, great muscular development, and powerful strength, while an imperious disposition was among his distinguishing mental traits. This is attested by several occurrences in his career which yet retain a place in the traditions of this locality. On one occasion, with several boon companions, he was engaged in some hilarious proceedings at an Irish inn; the adjoining room was occupied by an English nobleman, who had a curious and valuable watch, which he sent to Plunket with a wager that he could not tell the time by it; that gentleman coolly put it in his pocket, and sent a message to the Englishman to the effect that he should call upon him in person if he wished to know the time. This he never did, evidently out of respect for Plunket's well known physical prowess, and the latter, it is said, retained the watch to the end of his life. At a later date he became involved in an assault upon an English officer, in which the latter sustained severe bodily injuries; although disguised, Plunket was recognized by his stature, and,

in imminent danger of arrest, was smuggled on board a vessel in a barrel or hogshead. Thus he came to America, and located at Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa., then the western limit of civilization. There he resided during the French and Indian war, in which he served as lieutenant and surgeon, receiving for his services a grant of several hundred acres on the West Branch of the Susquehanna, to which he gave the name of "Soldier's Retreat"; it was situated along the river above Chillisquaque creek. He was residing thereon as early as 1772, as evidenced by the fact that his improvements are mentioned in the return of a road in that year. He was commissioned a justice for Northumberland county on the 24th of March, 1772, and officiated as presiding justice throughout the colonial period. Of the twelve judges commissioned on that date he was probably the only one who had personal knowledge of the methods of procedure in the English courts, and on that account was probably chosen to preside. In administering the criminal law, his sentences were characterized by great severity. He presided over the courts for the last time at May sessions, 1776. In January, 1775, he was a representative from Northumberland county in the Provincial convention at Philadelphia, and in December of that year he led an expedition to Wyoming. During the struggle for American independence he remained neutral (through fear of forfeiting his title to Irish estates, it is said), and does not thereafter appear in the public affairs of the county.

While a resident of Carlisle Doctor Plunket married Esther, daughter of John Harris, of Harris's Ferry, father of John Harris, the founder of Harrisburg. They were the parents of four daughters, of whom Elizabeth, born in 1755, married Samuel Maclay, associate judge of Northumberland county and United States senator; Isabella, born in 1760, married William Bell, of Elizabethtown, N. J.; Margaret married Isaac Richardson, and removed to Wayne county, N. Y.; and Esther married Col. Robert Baxter, a British officer, and died about a year after marriage. The Doctor resided for some years in the Maclay house at Sunbury, where, after the death of his wife, Betty Wiley was his housekeeper. His office, subsequently occupied by E. Greenough and David Rockefeller, was on the site of E. W. Greenough's residence on Front street, Sunbury. He became totally blind in the later years of his life, when a rope was stretched from his residence to his office so that he could still go back and forth without aid. As shown by his will, which is dated Jan. 3, 1791, and proved May 25, 1791, he died in the spring of that year, and is buried in an unmarked grave in the Sunbury cemetery. Dr. R. H. Aul had one of his medical works, "Synopsis Medicinæ, or a Summary View of the whole Practice of Physick," by John Allen, M. D., F. R. S., printed at London in 1749.

HON. JAMES POLLOCK, who probably reached higher political position than any other native of Northumberland county, Pa., was the last judge to preside over her courts by appointment of the governor. He was born at Milton Sept. 11, 1810, son of William and Sarah (Wilson) Pollock, natives of Chester county, Pa., of Irish extraction.

Mr. Pollock's education was begun at the common schools of Milton with Joseph B. Anthony as his first teacher, and continued at the academy of Rev. David Kirkpatrick, where he prepared for the junior year at Princeton, from which he graduated in 1831, with the highest honors of his class. He then began the study of law under Samuel Hepburn, of Milton, and was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county on Nov. 5, 1833. He opened an office at Milton in April, 1834; two years later he was appointed deputy attorney general for the county, serving in this position until 1839. In 1844 he was elected to Congress from the Thirteenth Pennsylvania district as the Whig candidate; he was twice reelected, serving in the Twenty-eighth Congress on the committee on Claims, in the Twenty-ninth on the committee on Territories, and in the Thirtieth as a member of the Ways and Means committee. On the 23d of June, 1848, he introduced a resolution for the appointment of a committee to report upon the advisability and feasibility of building a trans-continental railway, and, as chairman of the committee so appointed, made the first favorable official report on this subject. On Jan. 16, 1851, within a brief period after the conclusion of his third congressional term, he was commissioned as president judge of the Eighth Judicial district (then composed of the counties of Northumberland, Lycoming, Columbia, Sullivan and Montour), his judicial incumbency expiring, by the terms of his commission, on Dec. 1, 1851, after which he resumed the practice of law. In 1854 he was the candidate of the Whig and "Know-Nothing" parties for governor, and was elected by a majority of thirty-seven thousand over his principal competitor, William Bigler, the Democratic candidate. He was inducted into office in January, 1855, and served the term of three years; among the measures of importance during his administration were the inauguration of a policy of retrenchment in the fiscal affairs of the Commonwealth, the sale of the main line of the public works, the passage of laws designed to promote the efficiency of the public school system, and the adoption of measures by which the suspension of specie payments by banks chartered in the State was legalized during the crisis of 1857. In 1861 he was a member of the Peace Conference which assembled at Washington and presented the Crittenden compromise measures to the consideration of Congress; and in May of that year he was appointed by President Lincoln director of

the United States mint at Philadelphia. He retired from this office in 1866, but was reinstated by President Grant in 1869, and in 1873 became superintendent of that institution. The legend, "In God we trust," was originally suggested by him for the national currency. In 1879 he was appointed naval officer at Philadelphia and held that office four years. His last official position was that of Federal chief supervisor of elections, to which he was appointed in 1886. He died at Lock Haven, Pa., April 19, 1890, and his remains were interred in the Milton cemetery.

In personal appearance Governor Pollock was of commanding figure and somewhat above the average height, with dark eyes and hair, smooth-shaven face, and a countenance expressive of intelligence and benignity. In religious affiliation he was a Presbyterian, and was for some years president of the board of trustees of the College of New Jersey at Princeton, by which the honorary degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him in 1855.

As an attorney he was a better advocate than counselor. He was in regular practice in the courts of Northumberland county from 1833 to 1844, and at intervals in his official career after that time. While his judicial incumbency was the shortest in the history of the county, it was long enough to secure for his abilities in this position an ample recognition. He was an eloquent speaker, graceful, persuasive and convincing, and possessed remarkable tact in gaining the sympathy and approval of his hearers. Strong conscientiousness was a prominent element in his character, and while his official acts were at times subjected to violent criticism, the honesty of his intentions was conceded even by his most determined opponents.

ZERBE. The Zerbe or Zerby family numerously represented among the substantial and creditable citizens of the lower end of Northumberland county, particularly in Lower Mahanoy township, are the descendants of the brothers Daniel and Philip Zerbe. There was another branch of the family in that township, now extinct, to which belonged John Zerbe, who died in Lower Mahanoy, unmarried; and Philip Zerbe, a rafter on the Susquehanna who owned a tract of land along the river, and who left children, Levi (who served as a soldier in the Civil war), Isaac (also a soldier in the Civil war), Reily (a soldier in the Civil war), Joel, Susanna (married Isaac Messner), Elizabeth (married John H. Seagrist, of Georgetown) and Magdalene (died unmarried).

In 1772, in the first list of taxables of Pine Grove township, then a part of Berks county but now included in Schuylkill county, appear the names of Benjamin, Daniel and Philip Zerby, who were brothers. The following concerning the early representatives of this family in America is taken from a recent work on Berks county: Zerbe—

Zerby (also Zerve, Zerwe and Zerben).—The Zerbe family of Berks was very early settled in America. The original home of the family was in France, but owing to their steadfast loyalty to their religious faith they were obliged to find homes elsewhere, that they might worship as they thought right. On their first coming to the New World they settled in New York State, in the Schoharie Valley, and a little farther south at Livingston Manor, from which places they followed the migratory tide into the fertile valley of the Tulpehocken. Rupp in his "30,000 Names of Immigrants" shows a Lorenz Zerbe who came from Schoharie to Tulpehocken in 1723, and in addition to Lorenz mentions a John Philip Zerbe and a Martin Zerbe among those above twenty-one years of age, who passed the winter of 1710 and summer of 1711 in Livingston Manor, N. Y., and who may have come to Tulpehocken at a later period. The name of John or Johan has been a favorite one in the family, as appears from the tax lists and vital statistics.

Daniel Zerbe, ancestor of one branch of this family now in Lower Mahanoy township, is presumed to have come to Northumberland county from the vicinity of Pine Grove, now in Schuylkill county. His wife, whose maiden name was Wertz, he married after coming to this region, and they are buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church, in the township where they lived. He was a farmer, owning the place which now belongs to Jonathan Zerbe, one of his descendants. Daniel Zerbe is described as a tall man. His children were as follows: John married late in life, but had no posterity; he died of smallpox. Daniel died unmarried in Lower Mahanoy (there is a Daniel Zerbe, son of Daniel and Marie E., who was born in August, 1811, and died Feb. 8, 1861, aged forty-nine years, six months, buried at the Stone Valley Church). Thomas is mentioned below. Joseph, who was a laborer, lived in Lower Mahanoy, and he and his wife, Catharine (Meck), are buried at Georgetown; their children were Elizabeth, Henry (a soldier of the Civil war), Joseph, Daniel, George, a daughter who died unmarried, Samuel (of Millersburg) and Jonas (of Shamokin). Rebecca married David Schwartz and they subsequently moved West. Elizabeth married Adam Allman and they lived in Lower Mahanoy. George married Phoebe Spengel, and they lived in Lower Mahanoy and are buried at the Stone Valley Church; they died of smallpox; their children were Jonathan and Ellen, the former a resident of Loyaltown, Pennsylvania.

Thomas Zerbe, son of Daniel, spent all his life in Lower Mahanoy township. In his early manhood he was engaged as a general laborer, but he followed farming principally after commencing on his own account, and about 1852 located on the place now occupied by his son Thomas, buying the farm at that time. In 1857 he built the house

still standing on that tract; the barn was built by his son Thomas in 1870. He was interested in politics, being quite active in the interests of the Republican party in his locality, and was also zealous in church work, being a Lutheran member of the Malta Church, where he is buried. He served as trustee of this church for many years, and helped to build it in 1860. He died March 23, 1867, aged fifty-eight years, two months, eighteen days. His wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of Martin Garman, who married a Michael. She died June 27, 1894, aged seventy-eight years, three months, ten days. Mr. and Mrs. Zerbe had the following children: Josiah, of Alma, Nebr.; Thomas; Sarah, married to Henry Miller; Rebecca, married to George Heitzman; Benjamin, of Beavertown, Pa.; Catharine, married to Elias Paul; and Elias S., of Altoona, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS ZERBE, one of the foremost citizens of Lower Mahanoy township, was born May 3, 1840, in the district where he still lives. He was reared on the home farm, and in 1862 began to operate the place on his own account. This is the property which has been in his family since 1852, when his father purchased it, and which was formerly the George Snyder homestead. It consists of fifty acres, besides which Mr. Zerbe owns another farm in the same township of fifty-four and one half acres (formerly the Joseph Shaffer farm), and three islands in the Susquehanna with a total area of about fifteen acres. His agricultural work has been highly successful, but he has not given all his time to this branch, being engaged to some extent as a lumber merchant and operating a portable sawmill; he has employed as many as six men in this line. In public affairs he has long been one of the most influential men in his locality. He was overseer of the poor in his district for many years, and in 1891 was elected county commissioner, in which office he served two consecutive terms, six years; his majority was 1,180 in an evenly balanced county, which speaks well for the confidence his fellow citizens have in his integrity and ability. Mr. Zerbe has for many years been one of the most enterprising workers in the Republican party in his section. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, as a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; and Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T. He and his family belong to the Lutheran congregation at the Malta Church, and he has served many years as trustee.

On July 28, 1861, Mr. Zerbe married Catharine Messer, daughter of Philip and Mary (Dockey) Messer, and they have had a family of seven sons: Franklin died young; Charles A. was killed in a mine; John W. is postmaster at Shamokin, Pa.; James M. is a resident of Reading, Pa.; Joseph H. lives at Dalmatia; Daniel W. is located at

Bridgeport, Pa. (he was a soldier in the Philipines); one died in infancy.

Joseph Henry Zerbe, son of Thomas, was born March 19, 1870, in Lower Mahanoy township, and obtained his early education in the public schools there. Later he attended the academy at Elizabethville, in Dauphin county. At the age of eighteen years he took up telegraphy, which he learned at Paxton, and he was soon given a station at Mahantango, where he remained for eight years, being transferred thence to Dalmatia (Georgetown), in his native county, where he still remains. This is on the Northern Central road. Mr. Zerbe is the oldest employee of his company at that point. He has become thoroughly identified with the affairs of the locality since settling there, and has served six years as a school director, acting also as secretary of the board. His political sympathies are with the Republican party, in which he is a zealous worker, has been committeeman of his township for two years, and has been chosen delegate to various county conventions. Fraternally he holds membership in Millersburg Lodge, No. 364, F. & A. M.; in Commandery No. 364, Knights of Malta; in Council No. 854, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Dalmatia; and Division No. 24, of the Telegraphers Union, with headquarters at Williamsport.

On Feb. 7, 1890, Mr. Zerbe married Catharine Wright, daughter of James and Mary E. (Rape) Wright, the former of whom came to America from Ireland. Four children have been born to this union: Mary Irene, Catharine Elizabeth, Thomas Clarence and James Henry.

Philip Zerbe, founder of the other branch of the family now so well known in Lower Mahanoy, was born Dec. 17, 1776, lived between County Line and Malta, in Lower Mahanoy township, and owned the farm now the property of Alexander Deppen, a large and valuable tract. He died Nov. 19, 1857, and is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church, as is also his wife, Elizabeth, who was born Dec. 12, 1779, and died April 14, 1837. They had children as follows: Philip P., born Dec. 24, 1808, who lived and died in Lower Mahanoy and is buried at Vera Cruz (he died Jan. 24, 1862); Peter, who lived in Lower Mahanoy, and died at Tower City (he had a daughter Susan); Joseph; Benjamin, who never married; David; Gabriel; and Julia, who married William Lower and (second) Joseph Schaffer.

Joseph Zerbe, son of Philip, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, and there owned the farm now in the possession of William Zyders, which he sold upon his removal to Iowa, in 1858. There he resumed farming, under primitive conditions at first, and passed the remainder of his days, living to an advanced age. He died in Cedar county, Iowa, and is buried there. His wife, whose maiden

name was Heckert, was also from Lower Mahanoy township, and she also died in Iowa, surviving her husband many years. Their children were all born in Lower Mahanoy township, viz.: David, Philip, John, Albert (who died out West), Amanda (Mrs. Michael Heckert), Elizabeth (who married John Tschopp and M. T. Wertz), Catharine (married William L. Schaffer), Polly (who was married in California to a resident of that State, near Los Angeles) and Eve (who married in Iowa).

Philip Zerbe, son of Joseph, enlisted in the Union service during the Civil war, in July, 1864, and was fatally shot in the battle of Petersburg; his burial place is unknown. He was a man of about thirty-six at the time of his enlistment. When twenty-three years old he married Polly Lessman, who was born March 4, 1824, daughter of John Lessman, one of the Hessian soldiers who settled in this region. Mrs. Zerbe lived at Vera Cruz to the end of her days, passing away Oct. 30, 1908, and is buried there. She was the mother of the following children: William, of Tower City, Pa.; Ambrose L.; John, who died young; Charles W.; Sarah, who has never married; B. Frank; and Philip, who died in Tower City.

AMBROSE L. ZERBE, son of Philip, was born Aug. 13, 1853, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he grew to manhood. The day before his father went to the war he obtained a place for the boy on a farm, and he continued to hire out among farmers until he reached the age of twenty, after which he was employed in the lumber business at Williamsport for a few years. He also learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed for seven years. In 1882 he purchased his present farm in Lower Mahanoy township, a tract of 116 acres which was formerly the Jacob Schneider farm and subsequently owned by the latter's son Frederick Schneider, from whom Mr. Zerbe purchased it. He has since cultivated and improved this place, building his substantial house in 1887, and he has attained a position among the prosperous agriculturists of his section. He has served six years as school director of his township, and has been an active member of the Lutheran congregation of the Vera Cruz Church, in which he has held office for many years, having been deacon, elder and, at present, trustee. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1875 Mr. Zerbe married Sarah Jane Tschopp, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Zerbe) Tschopp, the latter a daughter of Joseph Zerbe. Five sons were born to this union, two dying in infancy. We have the following record of the others: (1) William Landis, born March 7, 1877, was educated in the local schools and at the Keystone State normal school at Kutztown, and has been engaged in teaching since 1895, continually in Lower Mahanoy township, having a permanent

certificate in twenty-four branches. He was married to Annie Sophia Lahr, daughter of John and Hannah (Boyer) Lahr, on Nov. 6, 1902, and they lived at Dalmatia from May, 1903, to September, 1908, since when they have resided on a property Mr. Zerbe purchased, a half mile north of Malta (Vera Cruz). They have had four children: William Ambrose, Aug. 15, 1904 (died Jan. 30, 1905); Katie Alvesta, May 26, 1907 (died June 26, 1907); Emmett John, May 27, 1909; and Irving Herbert, July 3, 1911. Fraternally Mr. Zerbe belongs to Camp No. 9074, Modern Woodmen of America, and Council No. 854, Jr. O. U. A. M., both of Dalmatia. (2) Charles Henry, born Aug. 2, 1879, was educated in the local schools and at the Central State normal school, at Lock Haven, Pa., and has been engaged in teaching since 1903, continually in Lower Mahanoy township, having a permanent certificate. In 1899 he was married to Katie Amelia Shoffer, daughter of Jonathan J. and Naomi (Witmer) Shoffer, and with the exception of a six months' residence at Pillow they have lived at Malta, now occupying a substantial house, formerly owned by his father and his grandmother. While at Pillow Mr. Zerbe was employed at the Pillow Grange store. Three daughters have been born to him and his wife: Florence Naomi, Sept. 16, 1899; Arlene Sarah, Dec. 28, 1901, and Clara Miriam, Oct. 6, 1910. Fraternally Mr. Zerbe holds membership in Dalmatia Camp No. 9074, Modern Woodmen of America. (3) Robert Blaine, born Jan. 17, 1892, also attended the public schools, and Freeburg Academy, was licensed to teach in 1909, at the age of seventeen years, and taught his first term in West Cameron township; he has since been engaged in Lower Mahanoy township.

Like the father, this family is identified with the Lutheran Church at Vera Cruz, and prominent in the Sunday school, the sons being respectively superintendent, secretary and organist, as well as teachers.

CHARLES W. ZERBE, son of Philip, was born Nov. 12, 1857, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he has passed practically all his life. He received his education in the common schools and at the Soldiers' Orphans' school at White Hall, Pa., and in 1880 obtained a license to teach public school from County Superintendent W. P. Scharf, of Snyder county, taking his first position in the fall of that year, at Aline. Returning to Lower Mahanoy in 1883, he was examined by Professor Wolverton, then superintendent of public schools in Northampton county, and passing was installed at the Union schoolhouse, where he continued for that term. He taught eight terms in all in Lower Mahanoy, and two terms in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin county, and made a high reputation in the profession for conscientious and efficient work. For the next seven years Mr. Zerbe was

engaged at different vocations, in the northern part of the State, and in 1903 he settled down to farming in his native township, where he has since remained. The farm of 127 acres which he cultivates is located along the Mahantango creek, and is in excellent condition, giving ample evidence of the intelligent care bestowed upon it. He carries on his work along modern lines, and in fact is progressive and aggressive in everything in which he takes an interest. He enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens to an unusual degree, and has been intrusted with public responsibilities of various kinds, having served his township as auditor, school director, tax collector and assessor. He is still holding the office of school director, his experience as an educator making him a particularly useful man in that position, and he is giving his own family all possible advantages.

On Sept. 25, 1888, Mr. Zerbe married Mary A. Messer, daughter of Isaac and Susanna (Zerbe) Messer, of Paxton, Pa., whither they moved from Lower Mahanoy in 1886. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Zerbe: Alva M., Susan M., Edith F., Sarah E., Charles R. and Isaac M. Mr. Zerbe and his family are Lutherans, belonging to St. Paul's Church at Vera Cruz, which he has served as deacon. Politically he is a Republican.

Alva Messer Zerbe, son of Charles W., was born June 1, 1889, was educated in the common schools, at Freeburg Academy, and Pennsylvania Business College, Lancaster, Pa., and has been teaching school since 1910 in Lower Mahanoy township. On June 18, 1910, he married Esther Amelia Kopenhaver, daughter of William L. and Cora (Snyder) Kopenhaver, and a son, Clinton Eugene, was born to them Jan. 8, 1911. Mr. Zerbe is prominently identified with the Lutheran Church and Sunday school, serving the latter as officer and teacher; his wife is a member of the Reformed Church.

B. FRANK ZERBE, son of Philip, was born June 7, 1862, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he is now engaged in farming. He was reared in his native township and began his education in the public schools there, when eight years old entering the Soldiers' Orphans' school at White Hall, two miles west of Harrisburg, in Cumberland county, Pa., where he remained until he reached the age of sixteen. Returning to live with his mother in his native township, he worked some years for his brother William, from 1885 to 1900, assisting him in the plastering business. Since 1899 he has resided at his present home, west of Vera Cruz, having a farm of twenty acres formerly owned by Jacob Schroyer and earlier by the Snyder family. As the cultivation of this place does not occupy all his time he also assists neighboring farmers, and is known as an industrious, reliable man, one who has made his way by his own efforts.

On Oct. 2, 1897, Mr. Zerbe married Annie B.

Rothermel, and they commenced housekeeping in 1898 at Georgetown, the following year removing to their present home. They have five children: Tenny May, Bertha Emelie, Mark Stanley, Philip Andrew and Harry Franklin. Mr. Zerbe and his family are Lutheran members of the Vera Cruz Church, which he is at present serving as deacon, and he is also active in the work of the Sunday school. In politics he is a Republican.

Mrs. Annie B. (Rothermel) Zerbe is a granddaughter of Isaac and Lydia Rothermel and daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Zartman) Rothermel, who were the parents of nine children: George, Ida, Oscar, Annie B., Charles, Linda, Emma, Alice and Adam.

David Zerbe, son of Philip (1776-1857) and Elizabeth Zerbe, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, where he passed nearly all his life. By trade he was a carpenter and postmaker, and he also burned lime. He was well known in his vicinity, having held local office, was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion, and is buried at St. Paul's (Schwartz's) Church at Urban. He died April 8, 1908, aged eighty-two years, two months, fourteen days. Mr. Zerbe married Lydia (Ressler) Wetzel, who was born April 18, 1826, daughter of Solomon Ressler, and first married Solomon Wetzel. She is living at Trevorton, in failing health. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Zerbe: Frank, a resident of Trevorton; William A.; and Mary, wife of George Trautman, of Shamokin.

WILLIAM A. ZERBY, son of David and Lydia (Ressler) Zerbe, was born March 18, 1864, in Jordan township. He was reared to farm life, working for his parents until he reached his majority, after which he began farming at his present home in Jordan township. His first work on his own account was as a lumber merchant, and he established a sawmill as the increase of his business demanded, having operated same since 1892 in connection with his agricultural work. He has lumbered over three counties, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Dauphin, selling his product in the coal region, and employing as many as twenty men, besides teamsters and help to cultivate his farm. His home place consists of forty-eight acres in Jordan township, on the road leading from Hebe to Klingerstown, and was formerly the John Wiest homestead. It is only part of a much larger tract as the land was originally laid out. Mr. Zerby is a Democrat and has been active in the interest of his party in lower Northumberland county. He has served as school director, and is a public-spirited citizen in every respect.

On June 12, 1888, Mr. Zerby married Emma Knorr, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Fetherolf) Knorr, and they have had six children: Edward, Charles R., Clarence R., Lulu A., Homer,

Lee and Maizie I. Mr. Zerby and his family are Lutheran members of the Church at Klingerstown, which he has served as deacon for three terms of two years each.

Christian Zerbe, who lived in Kelly township, in what is now Union county, Pa., is mentioned in the history of Union county as a trustee of the first Lutheran Church there. His purchase of land there might have been recorded in the Northumberland county office. He married Maria Christina Strauss, daughter of John Philip Strauss, and their children, as recorded at the Lutheran Church of Rehdersburg, were born as follows: John George, March 20, 1774; John, Feb. 15, 1776; Maria Catharine, Jan. 16, 1778; Susanna, Jan. 31, 1780; Jacob, Feb. 8, 1782; Mary Christina, Oct. 8, 1783; Henry, Nov. 11, 1785; Mary Salome, Oct. 29, 1787; Elizabeth, May 25, 1789; Anna Mary, April 26, 1792; Samuel, May 24, 1795.

DAVID ZERBE, a respected farmer citizen of Lower Mahanoy township, was born Dec. 17, 1844, and has followed farming practically all his life. On Aug. 13, 1864, he enlisted for three years in the Union service, becoming a private of Company H, 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and had served but one year of his term when discharged because of the termination of the war. From childhood he was employed among farmers, continuing thus until twenty-four years old. For a short time he followed blacksmithing, and he later was engaged at the carpenter's trade in his native township for ten years. In 1870 he began farming in Lower Mahanoy township, and he purchased the farm of seventeen acres which he now occupies in the year 1902. It is fertile land, located along the Mahantango creek, and was at one time the home of Daniel Frantz. Mr. Zerbe has prospered by industry and good management, and he has a nice home, acquired by his own efforts. He has served two years as overseer of the poor in his township.

In 1868 Mr. Zerbe married Sarah Schaffer, who was born in 1844, daughter of Franklin and Mary (Troutman) Schaffer, and she died leaving no children. On Thanksgiving Day, 1901, Mr. Zerbe married Agnes Klinger, daughter of Samuel Klinger, of Uniontown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Zerbe are members of the Reformed congregation at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, in which he has been a prominent worker, having served eighteen years as deacon, and five years as elder. On political questions he is a Republican.

RICHARD H. SIMMONS, M. D., county medical inspector for Northumberland county, and physician-in-charge of Pennsylvania Dispensary No. 53 at Shamokin, is one of the most popular medical practitioners of this county. He resides

at No. 116 South Sixth street, Shamokin. He was born in Cornwall, England, July 5, 1869, son of George T. Simmons.

Henry Simmons, grandfather of the Doctor, followed farming in England, owning two farms. He also carried on a hotel business. He made one visit to America to see his son, then living in Michigan. He married Mary Bartle, and both died in England. Their children were: Henry, Richard John, William, James, Edwin, George T., Mary, Joseph, and two that died in infancy.

George T. Simmons, son of Henry and father of Dr. Richard H., was born in Cornwall, England, Dec. 24, 1847. He came to America in May, 1869, landing in New York City. He spent one year in Michigan, and came to Shamokin, Pa., in 1869. At first he engaged as a miner, but later opened a grocery store, which he conducted for twenty-one years, retiring in 1903. He married in England Anna Hocking, a native of that country. Their children were: G. Clarence, teller in the Market Street National Bank, at Shamokin; Zella H., at home; and Richard H.

Richard H. Simmons was born July 5, 1869, and was but eighteen months old when brought to America. He attended the local schools of Shamokin, and later the high school, and began work as a clerk in the drug store of H. A. Shissler, after which he went to Philadelphia and entered the employ of William Cliffe, in the same line of work. He gained a practical insight in the business, and finding it congenial determined to enter the medical profession. In 1890 he became a student at the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1893 received his degree of M. D. He located at Shamokin, where he has established a large practice, having risen rapidly in his profession; he has held a number of positions that have proved his worth. At the present time he is filling the office of county medical inspector, appointed by Samuel G. Dixon, of Harrisburg, through the Pennsylvania Health Department. He is also physician-in-charge of Pennsylvania Dispensary No. 53, Shamokin.

Politically the Doctor is a staunch Republican. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church. During his college days he played left end on the football team, 1891-92-93, and was one of those who helped to make the team famous during those years. He is a member of the Medical Club of Philadelphia, and the Engineer Club of Central Pennsylvania, located at Harrisburg. Fraternally he is a Mason of high degree, belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading.

On June 12, 1895, Dr. Simmons was united in marriage to Cora B. Seiler, daughter of Emanuel G. Seiler, of Shamokin, and to bless this union

have come one daughter, Vera S., and one son, Carl B., the latter dying in infancy.

SEILER. The Seiler family to which Mrs. Simmons belongs has long been known in Northumberland county. John Jacob Seiler, a native of eastern Pennsylvania, of German extraction, settled in Little Mahanoy township, where he was engaged in farming. He became known for his great strength. He was born May 22, 1780, and died March 12, 1866. The maiden name of his wife was Kuntzman.

Daniel Seiler, son of John Jacob, followed the wheelwright's trade until 1845, when he purchased a farm in the Mahantango Valley, and engaged in its cultivation from that time until his death, Aug. 27, 1877. He was one of five who were the first to espouse the cause of the new Republican party in his township, and he was always active in politics. He held the offices of deacon and elder in the Reformed Church. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Geist, were born eight children, six sons and two daughters, namely: Jacob, a farmer on the old homestead; Emanuel G.; Mary Magdalene, widow of John K. Haas, of Shamokin; Daniel G., head of the commission house of D. G. Seiler & Co., of Shamokin; Sarah Ann, who married Aaron H. Haupt, of Shamokin; Aaron, of Shamokin; Felix G., member of the firm of D. G. Seiler & Co.; and Isaac G., who resides at Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pennsylvania.

Emanuel G. Seiler, son of Daniel and father of Mrs. Simmons, was born in Mahanoy township June 21, 1847. He worked on his father's farm and attended the township schools until he was about eighteen years old. After learning the carpenter's trade he followed that occupation for several years in his home neighborhood and in Shamokin. In 1869 he came to Shamokin and opened a small store, which his care and good judgment developed into a good paying business. In 1871 he formed a partnership with J. K. Haas, and they opened a small store at Pine and Second streets, carrying a stock of dry goods, groceries and confectionery. At the end of five years Mr. Haas retired taking the dry goods business, and Mr. Seiler continued the grocery and confectionery departments. The business was gradually enlarged and in 1879 Henry S. Zimmerman became a partner, the firm becoming E. G. Seiler & Co. By this time a wholesale jobbing business had been added, and it so developed that the retail business was sold. Prosperity seemed to choose this firm for her especial protegee, and the business has expanded and grown, till new buildings have been erected, new members admitted to partnership, warehouses have been built. The present style is Seiler, Zimmerman, Otto & Co., and thirteen men are employed, including three traveling salesmen who cover all territory within a radius of three

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